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The Cover: The Jackson County Courthouse, in Sylva, North Carolina, was constructed in 1914. It is a two-story, brick Neo-Classical Revival building. Several flights of steps make a steep ascent, beginning at a circular fountain and ending at the Corinthian portico of the courthouse. It is one of the most dramatically sited public buildings in the State. The three-stage cupola which crowns the building is visible from any point in Sylva and the valley beyond.

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The Honorable Joseph Branch, *Chief Justice*
The Supreme Court of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

In accord with Section 7A-343 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I herewith transmit the Fifteenth *Annual Report of the Administrative Office of the Courts*, relating to the fiscal year, July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981.

Appreciation is expressed to the many persons who participated in the data reporting, compilation, and writing required to produce this annual report. Within the Administrative Office of the Courts, principal responsibilities were shared by the Research and Planning Division and the Information Services Division. The principal burden of reporting the great mass of trial court data rested upon the offices of the clerks of superior court located in each of the one hundred counties of the State. The Clerk of the Supreme Court and the Clerk of the Court of Appeals provided the case data relating to our appellate courts.

Without the responsible work of many persons across the State, this report would not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin E. Freeman, Jr.
Director

May, 1982

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PART I

THE 1980-1981 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

THE 1980-81 JUDICIAL YEAR IN REVIEW

This *Annual Report* on the work of North Carolina's Judicial Department is for the fiscal year which began July 1, 1980 and ended June 30, 1981.

The Workload of the Courts

During 1980-81 the workload of the appellate courts closely paralleled that of the previous year. As set out in more detail in Part II of this *Report*, case filings in the Supreme Court totalled 228, a decrease of 15 cases below the 243 filed during 1979-80. A total of 612 petitions were filed in the Supreme Court, compared with 617 in 1979-80; and 73 petitions were allowed compared with 72 in 1979-80.

In the Court of Appeals, case filings increased slightly, from 1,204 in 1979-80 to 1,222 in 1980-81. The number of petitions filed decreased slightly, from 532 in 1979-80 to 508 in 1980-81. (Case data is reported from the Court of Appeals on a calendar year rather than a fiscal year basis.)

More detailed data on the appellate courts is included in Part II of this *Annual Report*.

In the superior courts, case filings (civil and criminal) increased by 10%, to a total of 82,441 in 1980-81, compared with 74,899 cases in 1979-80. Superior court case dispositions also increased, to a total of 80,303, compared with 72,983 in 1979-80. As case filings during the year exceeded case dispositions, the number of cases pending at the end of the year increased by 2,128, or 6.7%. Operations of the superior courts are summarized in Part II of this *Report*; detailed information on the caseloads in the 100 counties and 33 judicial districts is presented in Part IV.

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1980-81 was 1,520,826 cases, an increase of 62,179 (4.3%) over the 1979-80 filings of 1,458,647 cases. Much of this increase was in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, which had 365,516 filings in 1979-80 compared with 402,900 filings in 1980-81, an increase of 10.3%. In addition, there was a 9.1% increase in civil case filings, from a total of 315,876 cases in 1979-80 to 344,483 cases in 1980-81. On the other hand, there was a decrease in motor vehicle criminal case filings, about one-half of one per cent, from 777,264 cases in 1979-80 to 773,443 cases in 1980-81.

For the third year in a row, total filings of traffic cases have been lower than in the previous year. One may speculate that these reduced numbers are related to changes in driving habits. It seems likely that gasoline prices are prompting motorists to drive less, and at lower speeds. Also, traffic violations can result in a significant increase in motor vehicle liability insurance

premiums, providing a further financial incentive not to violate the traffic laws.

Notwithstanding the recent trend of some overall annual decrease in case filings in the largest volume category of district court cases (traffic violations), that cannot be translated into a decreasing need for court resources. As a category, civil cases are far more likely to go to trial than are the motor vehicle criminal cases; and civil cases are still showing a significant trend increase—9.1% in 1980-81 over 1979-80.

As stated in previous annual reports, in terms of future demand for court resources, there is no obvious balance between a decrease in traffic case filings and an increase in civil case filings or an increase in filings of non-motor vehicle criminal cases. Annual increases in case filings in the latter two categories, even with the experienced decreases in traffic cases, add to the net workload of the courts.

1981 Legislative Highlights

Constitutional Amendments

Two amendments to the judiciary article of the State Constitution were approved by the General Assembly, for submission to the voters in 1982.

One amendment, sponsored by the Courts Commission, will allow recall of justices or judges of the *appellate division*, for temporary service on the court or courts of the division from which the justice or judge was retired. This would permit a retired Supreme Court Justice to serve temporarily on either the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court; and permit a retired Court of Appeals Judge to serve temporarily on either the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeals. Under present constitutional language, a retired justice or judge may be recalled for temporary service only to the court from which retired.

The other proposed amendment affecting the courts would authorize the General Assembly to permit appeals from the Utilities Commission directly to the Supreme Court, bypassing the Court of Appeals. As presently worded, Article IV, Section 12(1) allows the Supreme Court to hear only appeals from decisions of "the courts below". As the Utilities Commission is not a "court" within the meaning of the Constitution, appeals from its decisions must go first to a lower court before final appeal to the Supreme Court. This amendment was also sponsored by the Courts Commission which found that rate-making cases appealed from the Utilities Commission almost always are taken to the Supreme Court; the Commission felt that the Court of Appeals intermediate review could be eliminated.

If approved by the voters in 1982, these amendments will take effect on January 1, 1983.

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New Districts

The 17th judicial district was divided into District 17A (Caswell and Rockingham Counties) and 17B (Stokes and Surry Counties), effective September 1, 1981. Prosecutorial District 3 was divided into District 3A (Pitt County) and District 3B (Craven, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties), effective October 1, 1981.

Additional Judgeships and Other Personnel

An additional resident superior court judgeship was authorized for the 21st District (Forsyth County) and for the newly created District 17A (Caswell and Rockingham Counties). Six more district court judgeships were authorized: two for the 10th District (Wake County), one each for District 15B (Orange and Chatham Counties), District 20 (Union, Anson, Richmond, Moore and Stanly Counties), District 24 (Madison, Avery, Mitchell, Yancy, and Watauga Counties), and District 26 (Mecklenburg County). Districts 4, 7, 9, 10, 13, 19A, 21 and 30 were each authorized one additional assistant district attorney position; and Districts 1 and 8 were each authorized two additional assistant district attorney positions. Various counties were authorized additional deputy clerk and magistrate positions.

Appellate Public Defender Office

A state-funded Office of Appellate Public Defender is now authorized by Article 38, G.S. Ch. 7A. The Governor appoints a licensed attorney to this position for a term of four years, who in turn appoints his own assistants. The Appellate Public Defender is subject to the general supervision of the Chief Justice. (An appellate public defender office was placed in operation in 1980 under a one-year federal grant.)

Deferred Prosecution

Chapter 377 of the 1981 Session Laws authorizes deferred prosecution of defendants charged with offenses that are punishable by not more than 10 years imprisonment: if the district attorney and the defendant agree; if the court finds that the victim of the crime has been notified and given opportunity to be heard; and if the defendant has not been previously convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. The court must also find that the defendant is not likely to commit another offense punishable by a term of imprisonment greater than 30 days. On such findings the defendant becomes entitled to a two-year pretrial probation. If the defendant complies with all terms of the pretrial probation, the charges are then dismissed.

Service of Subpoena By Telephone

Chapter 278 of the 1981 Session Laws amended G.S. 8-59, effective April 27, 1981, to authorize law enforcement officers to serve witness subpoenas by telephone in criminal cases. However, the witness so subpoenaed may not be arrested or ordered to show cause for failure to obey the subpoena until he has been served with a written subpoena.

Magistrate Jurisdictional Amount

The maximum amount for a small claims case before a magistrate was increased from \$800 to \$1,000, effective October 1, 1981. The jurisdictional amount in a worthless check criminal case was increased from \$400 to \$500 (magistrate authorized to accept waiver of trial and entry of guilty plea).

Post Conviction Review

Statutes providing for post conviction review were amended to prohibit review beyond the Court of Appeals, thus returning to the situation that existed prior to 1977. This change is expected to relieve the Supreme Court of a sizeable number of such motions and to expedite a petitioner's access to federal courts for collateral review.

Recall of Retired Justices and Judges

Statutes were amended to authorize recall of retired justices and judges who have reached mandatory retirement age of 72 (appellate justices and judges) and age 70 (trial court judges). Temporary recall would be made by the chief justice for justices and trial judges, and by the chief judge of the Court of Appeals for judges of that court. The one being recalled to temporary service must consent and the chief justice or the chief judge must find, before issuing the recall order, that the retiree is capable of performing the duties efficiently and promptly. The compensation for a recalled retired justice or judge, in addition to retirement pay, was increased from \$100 a week to \$75 a day.

North Carolina Courts Commission

The applicable statutes were amended so as to increase the membership of this Commission from 15 to 23, resulting in representation on the Commission by trial judges and district attorneys, along with expanding the already existent legislative representation.

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Appropriations for Judicial Department

The total appropriation for the Judicial Department for the 1981-82 fiscal year was \$87,882,000, a 7.8% in-

crease over appropriations for 1981-82. The appropriation for the 82-83 fiscal year was set at \$90,322,000, but this latter appropriation figure is subject to revision at the 1982 legislative "budget" session.

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HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COURT SYSTEM

From its early colonial period North Carolina's judicial system has been the focus of periodic attention and adjustment. Through the years, there has been a repeated sequence of critical examination, proposals for reform, and finally the enactment of some reform measures.

Colonial Period

Around 1700 the royal governor established a General (or Supreme) Court for the colony and a dispute developed over the appointment of associate justices. The Assembly conceded to the King the right to name the chief justice but unsuccessfully tried to win for itself the power to appoint the associate justices. Other controversies developed concerning the creation and jurisdiction of the courts and the tenure of judges. As for the latter, the Assembly's position was that judge appointments should be for good behavior as against the royal governor's decision for life appointment. State historians have noted that "the Assembly won its fight to establish courts and the judicial structure in the province was grounded on laws enacted by the legislature," which was more familiar with local conditions and needs (Lefler and Newsome, 142). Nevertheless, North Carolina alternated between periods under legislatively enacted reforms (like good behavior tenure and the Court Bill of 1746, which contained the seeds of the post-Revolutionary court system) and periods of stalemate and anarchy after such enactments were nullified by royal authority. A more elaborate system was framed by legislation in 1767 to last five years. It was not renewed because of persisting disagreement between local and royal partisans. As a result, North Carolina was without higher courts until after Independence (Battle, 847).

At the lower court level during the colonial period, judicial and county government administrative functions were combined in the authority of the justices of the peace, who were appointed by the royal governor.

After the Revolution

When North Carolina became a state in 1776, the colonial structure of the court system was retained largely intact. The Courts of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the county court which continued in use from about 1670 to 1868 — were still held by the assembled justices of the peace in each county. The justices were appointed by the governor on the recommendation of the General Assembly, and they were paid out of fees charged litigants. On the lowest level of the judicial system, magistrate courts of limited jurisdiction were held by justices of the peace, singly or in pairs, while the county court was out of term.

The new Constitution of 1776 empowered the General Assembly to appoint judges of the Supreme Court of

Law and Equity. A court law enacted a year later authorized three superior court judges and created judicial districts. Sessions were supposed to be held in the court towns of each district twice a year, under a system much like the one that had expired in 1772. Just as there had been little distinction in terminology between General Court and Supreme Court prior to the Revolution, the terms Supreme Court and Superior Court were also interchangeable during the period immediately following the Revolution.

One of the most vexing governmental problems confronting the new State of North Carolina was its judiciary. "From its inception in 1777 the state's judiciary caused complaint and demands for reform." (Lefler and Newsome, 291, 292). Infrequency of sessions, conflicting judge opinions, and insufficient number of judges, and lack of means for appeal were all cited as problems, although the greatest weakness was considered to be the lack of a real Supreme Court.

In 1779, the legislature required the Superior Court judges to meet together in Raleigh as a Court or Conference to resolve cases which were disagreed on in the districts. This court was continued and made permanent by subsequent laws. The justices were required to put their opinions in writing to be delivered orally in court. The Court of Conference was changed in name to the Supreme Court in 1805 and authorized to hear appeals in 1810. Because of the influence of the English legal system, however, there was still no conception of an alternative to judges sitting together to hear appeals from cases which they had themselves heard in the districts in panels of as few as two judges (Battle, 848). In 1818, though, an independent three-judge Supreme Court was created for review of cases decided at the Superior Court level.

Meanwhile, semi-annual superior court sessions in each county were made mandatory in 1806, and the State was divided into six circuits, or ridings, where the six judges were to sit in rotation, two judges constituting a quorum as before.

The County court of justices of the peace continued during this period as the lowest court and as the agency of local government.

After the Civil War

Major changes to modernize the judiciary and make it more democratic were made in 1868. A primary holdover from the English legal arrangement — the distinction between law and equity proceedings — was abolished. The County Court's control of local government was abolished. Capital offenses were limited to murder, arson, burglary and rape, and the Constitution stated that the aim of punishment was "not only to satisfy justice, but also to reform the offender, and thus prevent crime." The membership of the Supreme Court was raised to five, and the selection of the justices (in-

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cluding the designation of the chief justice) and superior court judges (raised in number to 12) was taken from the legislature and given to the voters, although vacancies were to be filled by the governor until the next election. The Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions — the County Court of which three justices of the peace constituted a quorum — was eliminated. Its judicial responsibilities were divided between the Superior Courts and the individual justices of the peace, who were retained as separate judicial officers with limited jurisdiction.

Conservatively oriented amendments to the 1868 Constitution in 1875 reduced the number of Supreme Court justices to three and the Superior Court judges to nine. The General Assembly was given the power to appoint justices of the peace, instead of the governor. Most of the modernizing changes in the post-Civil War Constitution, however, were left, and the judicial structure it had established continued without systematic modification through more than half of the 20th century. (A further constitutional amendment approved by the voters in November, 1888, returned the Supreme Court membership to five, and the number of superior court judges to twelve.)

Before Reorganization

A multitude of legislative enactments to meet rising demands and to respond to changing needs had heavily encumbered the 1868 judicial structure by the time systematic court reforms were proposed in the 1950's. This accrual of piecemeal change and addition to the court system was most evident at the lower, local court level, where hundreds of courts specially created by statute operated with widely dissimilar structure and jurisdiction.

By 1965, when the implementation of the most recent major reforms was begun, the court system in North Carolina consisted of four levels: (a) the Supreme Court, with appellate jurisdiction; (b) the superior court, with general trial jurisdiction; (c) the local statutory courts of limited jurisdiction, and (d) justices of the peace and mayor's courts, with petty jurisdiction.

At the superior court level, the State had been divided into 30 judicial districts and 24 solicitorial districts. The 40 superior court judges (who rotated among the counties) and the district solicitors were paid by the State. The clerk of superior court, who was judge of probate and often also a juvenile judge, was a county official. There were specialized branches of superior court in some counties for matters like domestic relations and juvenile offenses.

The lower two levels were local courts. At the higher of these local court levels were more than 180 recorder-type courts. Among these were the county recorder's courts, municipal recorder's courts and township recorder's courts; the general county courts, county crim-

inal courts and special county courts; the domestic relations courts and the juvenile courts. Some of these had been established individually by special legislative acts more than a half-century earlier. Others had been created by general law across the State since 1919. About half were county courts and half were city or township courts. Jurisdiction included misdemeanors (mostly traffic offenses), preliminary hearings and sometimes civil matters. The judges, who were usually part-time, were variously elected or appointed locally.

At the lowest level were about 90 mayor's courts and some 925 justices of the peace. These officers had similar criminal jurisdiction over minor cases with penalties up to a \$50 fine or 30 days in jail. The justices of the peace also had civil jurisdiction of minor cases. These court officials were compensated by the fees they exacted, and they provided their own facilities.

Court Reorganization

The need for a comprehensive evaluation and revision of the court system received the attention and support of Governor Luther H. Hodges in 1957, who encouraged the leadership of the North Carolina Bar Association to pursue the matter. A Court Study Committee was established as an agency of the North Carolina Bar Association, and that Committee issued its report, calling for reorganization, at the end of 1958. A legislative Constitutional Commission, which worked with the Court Study Committee, finished its report early the next year. Both groups called for the structuring of an all-inclusive court system which would be directly state-operated, uniform in its organization throughout the State and centralized in its administration. The plan was for a simplified, streamlined and unified structure. A particularly important part of the proposal was the elimination of the local statutory courts and their replacement by a single District Court; the office of justice of the peace was to be abolished, and the newly fashioned position of magistrate would function within the District Court as a subordinate judicial office.

Constitutional amendments were introduced in the legislature in 1959 but these failed to gain the required three-fifths vote of each house. The proposals were reintroduced and approved at the 1961 session. The Constitutional amendments were approved by popular vote in 1962, and three years later the General Assembly enacted statutes to put the system into effect by stages. By the end of 1970 all of the counties and their courts had been incorporated into the new system, whose unitary nature was symbolized by the name, General Court of Justice. The designation of the entire 20th Century judicial system as a single, statewide "court," with components for various types and levels of caseload, was adapted from North Carolina's earlier

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General Court, whose full venue extended to all of the 17th Century counties.

After Reorganization

Notwithstanding the comprehensive reorganization adopted in 1962, the impetus for changes has continued. In 1965, the Constitution was amended to provide for the creation of an intermediate Court of Appeals. It was amended again in 1972 to allow for the Supreme Court to censure or remove judges upon the recom-

mendation of a Judicial Standards Commission. As for the selection of judges, persistent efforts have been made in the 1970's to obtain legislative approval of amendments to the State Constitution, to appoint judges according to "merit" instead of electing them by popular, partisan vote. The proposed amendments have received the backing of a majority of the members of each house, but not the three-fifths required to submit constitutional amendments to a vote of the people. It seems likely that this significant issue will be before the General Assembly again for consideration.

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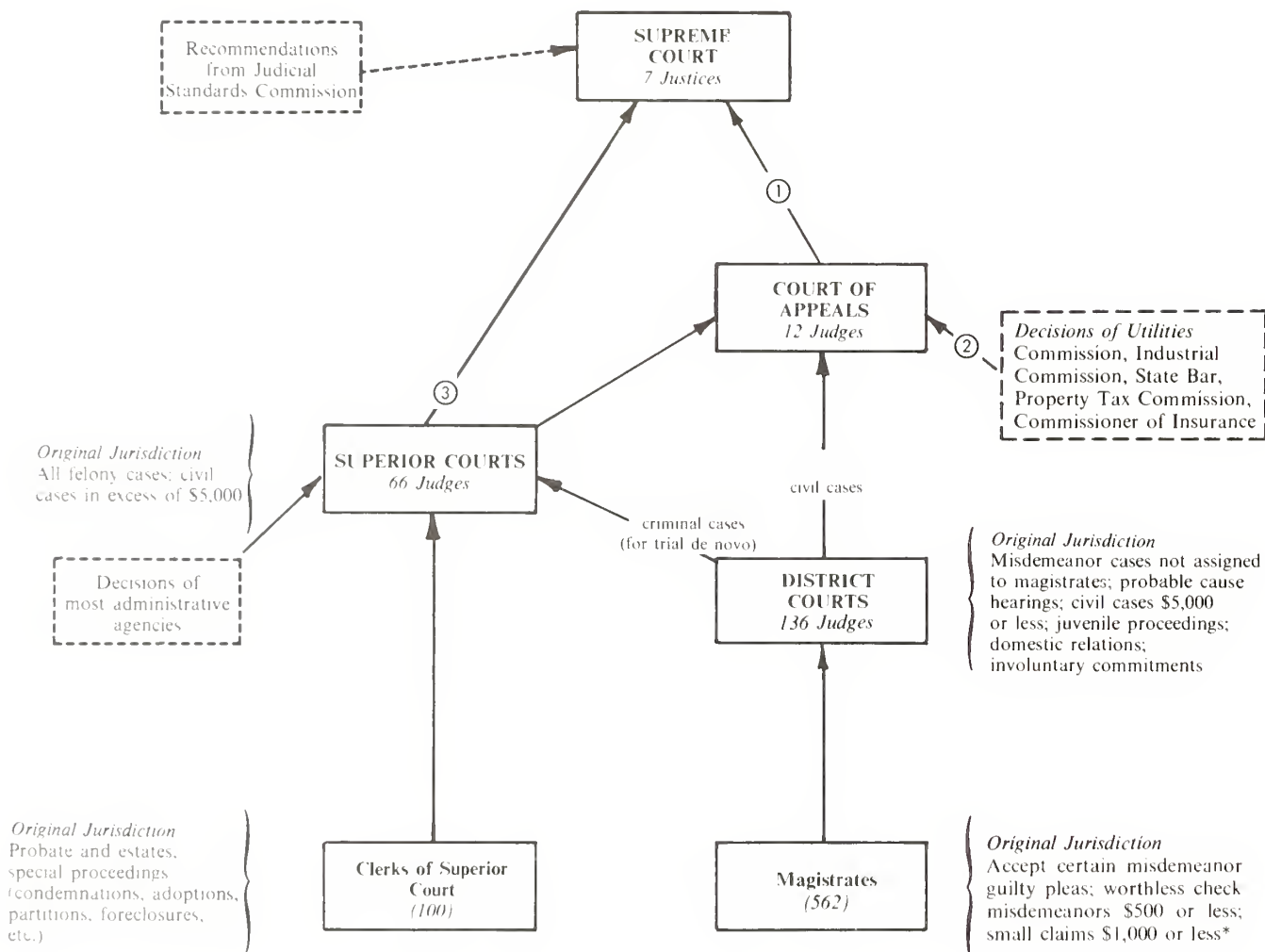
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Original Jurisdiction and Routes of Appeal



- (1) Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the Supreme Court are by right in Utilities Commission general rate cases, cases involving constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may review Court of Appeals decisions in cases of significant public interest or cases involving legal principles of major significance.
- (2) Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the Court of Appeals.
- (3) As a matter of right, appeals go directly to the Supreme Court in criminal cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment, and in civil cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population. In all other cases appeal as of right is to the Court of Appeals. In its discretion, the Supreme Court may hear appeals directly from the trial courts in cases where delay would cause substantial harm or the Court of Appeals docket is unusually full.

*Note: Worthless check maximum amounts increased from \$400 to \$500 effective September 1, 1981; small claims maximum amount increased from \$800 to \$1,000 effective September 1, 1981.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Article IV of the North Carolina Constitution establishes the General Court of Justice which "shall constitute a unified judicial system for purposes of jurisdiction, operation, and administration, and shall consist of an Appellate Division, a Superior Court Division, and a District Court Division."

The Appellate Division is comprised of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals.

The Superior Court Division is comprised of the superior courts which hold sessions in the county seats of the 100 counties of the State. The counties are grouped into judicial districts (33 at the present time), and one or more superior court judges are elected for each of the judicial districts. A clerk of the superior court for each county is elected by the voters of the county.

The District Court Division is comprised of the district courts. The General Assembly is authorized to divide the State into a convenient number of local court districts and prescribe where the district courts shall sit, but district court must sit in at least one place in each county. The General Assembly has provided that districts for purposes of the district court are coterminous with superior court judicial districts. The Constitution also provides for one or more magistrates to be appointed in each county "who shall be officers of the district court."

The State Constitution (Art. IV, Sec. 1) also contains the term, "judicial department," stating that "The General Assembly shall have no power to deprive the judicial department of any power or jurisdiction that rightfully pertains to it as a co-ordinate department of the government, nor shall it establish or authorize any courts other than as permitted by this Article." The terms, "General Court of Justice" and "Judicial Department" are almost, but not quite, synonymous. It may be said that the Judicial Department encompasses all of the levels of court designated as the General Court of Justice plus all administrative and ancillary services within the Judicial Department.

The original jurisdictions and routes of appeal between the several levels of court in North Carolina's system of courts are illustrated in the chart on the opposite page.

Criminal Cases

Trial of misdemeanor cases is within the original jurisdiction of the district courts. Some misdemeanor offenses are tried by magistrates, who are also empowered to accept pleas of guilty to certain offenses and impose fines in accordance with a schedule set by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges. Most trials of misdemeanors are by district court judges, who also hold preliminary, "probable cause" hearings in felony cases. Trial of felony cases is within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.

Decisions of magistrates may be appealed to the district court judge. In criminal cases there is no trial by jury available at the district court level; appeal from the district courts' judgments in criminal cases is to the superior courts for trial *de novo* before a jury. Except in life-imprisonment or death sentence cases (which are appealed to the Supreme Court), appeal from the superior courts is to the Court of Appeals.

Civil Cases

The 100 clerks of superior court are *ex officio* judges of probate and have original jurisdiction in probate and estates matters. The clerks also have jurisdiction over such special proceedings as adoptions, partitions, condemnations under the authority of eminent domain, and foreclosures. Rulings of the clerk may be appealed to the superior court.

The district courts have original jurisdiction in juvenile proceedings, domestic relations cases, petitions for involuntary commitment to a mental hospital, and general civil cases where the amount in litigation is \$5,000 or less. If the amount in litigation is \$800* or less and the plaintiff in the case so requests, the chief district court judge may assign the case for initial hearing by a magistrate. Magistrates' decisions may be appealed to the district court. Trial by jury for civil cases is available in the district courts; appeal from the judgment of a district court in a civil case is to the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

The superior courts are the proper courts for trial of general civil cases where the amount of litigation is more than \$5,000. Appeals from decisions of most administrative agencies is first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts. Appeal from the superior courts in civil cases is to the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The North Carolina Supreme Court has the "general power to supervise and control the proceedings of any of the other courts of the General Court of Justice" (G.S. 7A-32(b)).

In addition to this grant of general supervisory power, the North Carolina General Statutes provide certain Judicial Department officials with specific powers and responsibilities for the operation of the court system. The Supreme Court has the responsibility for prescribing rules of practice and procedures for the appellate courts and for prescribing rules for the trial courts to supplement those prescribed by statute. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designates one of the judges of the Court of Appeals to be its Chief Judge, who in turn is responsible for scheduling the sessions of the Court of Appeals.

* Increased to \$1,000 effective October 1, 1981 (G.S. 7A-210).

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The chart on the following page illustrates specific responsibilities for administration of the trial courts vested in Judicial Department officials by statute. The Chief Justice appoints the Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts; this Assistant Director also serves as the Chief Justice's administrative assistant. The schedule of sessions of superior court in the 100 counties is set by the Supreme Court; assignment of the State's rotating superior court judges is the responsibility of the Chief Justice. Finally, the Chief Justice designates a chief district court judge for each of the State's 33 judicial districts from among the elected district court judges of the respective districts. These judges have special responsibilities for the scheduling of the district courts and magistrates' courts within their respective districts, as well as general local-level administrative responsibilities.

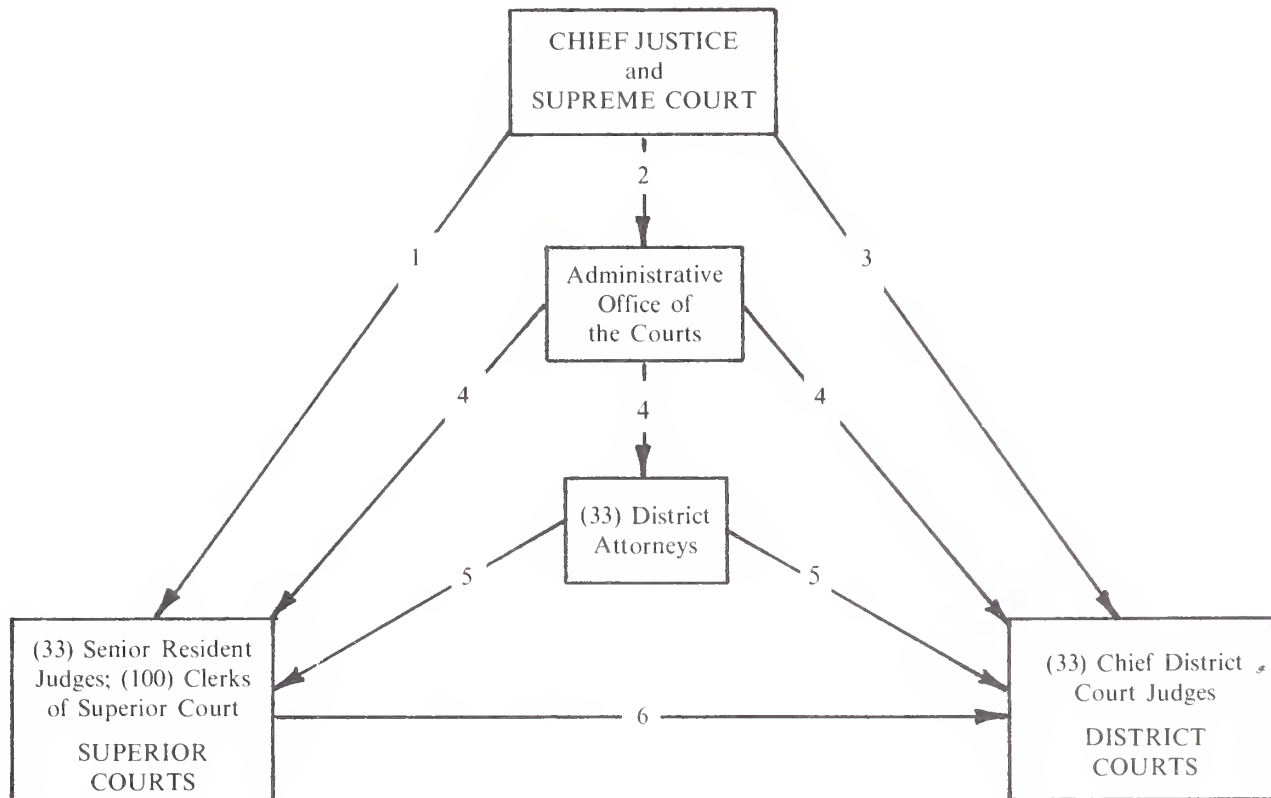
The Administrative Office of the Courts is responsible for direction of the non-judicial, administrative and business affairs of the Judicial Department. Included among its functions are fiscal management, personnel

direction, information and statistical services, supervision of record keeping in the trial court clerks' offices, liaison with the legislative and executive departments of government, court facility evaluation, purchase and contract, education and training, coordination of the program for provision of legal counsel to indigent persons, juvenile probation and after-care, trial court administrator services, planning, and general administrative services.

The clerk of superior court in each county acts as clerk for both the superior and district courts. Until 1980, the clerk also served as chairman of the county's calendar committee, which set the civil case calendars. Effective July 1, 1980, these committees were eliminated; day-to-day calendaring of civil cases is now done by the clerk of superior court or by a "trial court administrator" in some districts, under the supervision of the senior resident superior court judge and chief district court judge. The criminal case calendars in both superior and district courts are set by the district attorney of the respective district.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

Principal Administrative Authorities for North Carolina Trial Courts



¹ The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the superior courts (as well as other trial courts). The schedule of superior courts is approved by the Supreme Court; assignments of superior court judges, who rotate from district to district, are the responsibility of the Chief Justice.

² The Director and an Assistant Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

³ The Supreme Court has general supervisory authority over the operations of the district courts (as well as other trial courts). The Chief Justice appoints a chief district court judge in each of the 33 judicial districts from the judges elected in the respective districts.

⁴ The Administrative Office of the Courts is empowered to prescribe a variety of rules governing the operation of the offices of the 100 clerks of superior court, and to obtain statistical data and other information from officials in the Judicial Department.

⁵ The district attorney sets the criminal-case trial calendars. In each district, the senior resident superior court judge and the chief district court judge are empowered to supervise the calendaring procedures for civil cases in their respective courts.

⁶ In addition to certain judicial functions, the clerk of superior court performs administrative, fiscal and record-keeping functions for both the superior court and district court of his county. Magistrates, who serve under the supervision of the chief district court judge, are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominees submitted by the clerk of superior court.

***Note:** Effective September 1, 1981, District 17 was divided into Districts 17A and 17B, resulting in a total of 34 judicial districts.

THE SUPREME COURT OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Justice

JOSEPH BRANCH

Associate Justices

J. FRANK HUSKINS
J. WILLIAM COPELAND
JAMES G. EXUM, JR.

DAVID M. BRITT
J. PHIL CARLTON
LOUIS B. MEYER

Retired Chief Justices

WILLIAM H. BOBBITT
SUSIE SHARP

Retired Justices

J. WILL PLESS, JR.
I. BEVERLY LAKE

DAN K. MOORE
WALTER E. BROCK

Clerk

John R. Morgan

Librarian

Frances H. Hall

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ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Supreme Court

At the apex of the General Court of Justice is the seven-member Supreme Court, which sits in Raleigh to consider and decide questions of law presented in civil and criminal cases appealed from the lower courts. The Chief Justice and six associate justices are elected to eight-year terms by popular vote. There are two terms of the Supreme Court each year: a Spring Term commencing on the first Tuesday in February and a Fall Term commencing on the first Tuesday in September. The Court sits only *en banc*.

Jurisdiction

The only original jurisdiction exercised by the Supreme Court is over the censure and removal of judges upon the (non-binding) recommendations of the Judicial Standards Commission. The Court's appellate jurisdiction includes:

- cases on appeal by right from the Court of Appeals (Utilities Commission general rate-setting cases, cases involving substantial constitutional questions, and cases in which there has been dissent in the Court of Appeals);
- criminal cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases in which the defendant has been sentenced to death or life imprisonment);
- civil cases on appeal by right from the superior courts (cases involving the involuntary annexation of territory by a municipality of 5,000 or more population); and
- cases in which review has been granted in the Supreme Court's discretion.

Discretionary review by the Supreme Court directly from the trial courts may be granted when delay would likely cause substantial harm or when the workload of the Appellate Division is such that the expeditious administration of justice requires it. Most appeals are heard only after review by the Court of Appeals.

Administration

The Supreme Court has general power to supervise and control the proceedings of the other courts of the General Court of Justice. The Court has specific power to prescribe the rules of practice for the Appellate Division and supplementary rules of practice and procedure for the trial court divisions consistent with

the rules prescribed by the General Assembly. The schedule of superior court sessions in the 100 counties is approved, yearly, by the Supreme Court. The Clerk of the Supreme Court, the Librarian of the Supreme Court, and the Appellate Division Reporter are appointed by the Supreme Court.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts and an Assistant Director, who serve at his pleasure. He also designates a Chief Judge from among the judges of the Court of Appeals and a Chief District Court Judge from among the judges in each of the State's 33 judicial districts. He assigns superior court judges, who regularly rotate from district to district, to the scheduled sessions of superior court in the 100 counties, and is also empowered to transfer district court judges to other districts for temporary or specialized duty. The Chief Justice (or another member of the Supreme Court designated by him) is the chairman of the Judicial Council, and two superior court judges, one district court judge and two district attorneys are appointed to two-year terms on the Council by the Chief Justice. He also appoints three of the seven members of the Judicial Standards Commission — a judge of the Court of Appeals who serves as the Commission's chairman, one superior court judge and one district court judge.

Operations of the Court, 1980-81

Operating expenses of the Supreme Court during the 1980-81 fiscal year amounted to \$1,308,014, an increase of 10.3 percent over total 1979-80 expenditures of \$1,185,967. Expenditures for the Supreme Court during 1980-81 constituted 1.6% of all General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year.

A total of 231 appealed cases were before the Supreme Court during the Fall 1980 and Spring 1981 terms. A total of 178 cases were decided (with published opinions). The remainder were either withdrawn by the appellants, dismissed, or were still pending in the Court at the end of the Spring 1980 term. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following page.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Supreme Court Caseload Inventory September 2, 1980 — August 31, 1981

Cases undecided and brought forward from Spring 1980 term	3
Cases filed during Fall 1980 term	151
Cases filed during Spring 1981 term	77
Caseload for 1980-81 year	231
Cases withdrawn or dismissed	17
Cases decided during Fall 1980 term	84
Cases decided during Spring 1981 term	94
Cases carried forward to Fall 1981 term	36

Manner of Disposition of Cases in the Supreme Court September 2, 1980 — August 31, 1981

Requests to Appeal (Petitions)		
Allowed		73
Denied		539
Total		612
Appeals		
Opinions rendered		178
Affirmed	99	
Reversed	66	
Reversed and Remanded	1	
Remanded	11	
Other	1	
Dismissed/Withdrawn		17
Total		195

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

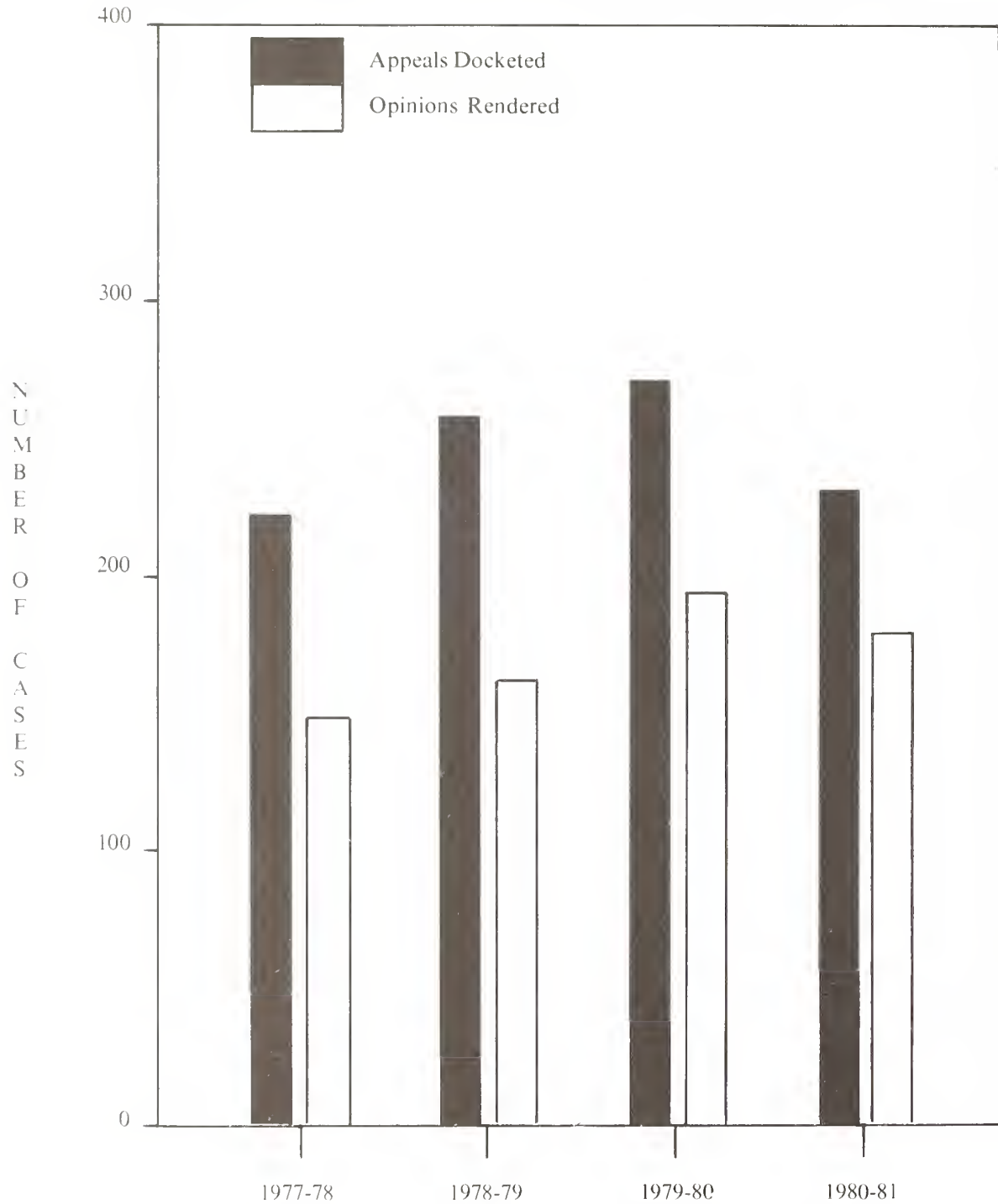
CASES FILED IN THE SUPREME COURT

September 2, 1980—August 31, 1981

	No. Filed
Requests to Appeal (Petitions)	
Civil	
Discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	199
Discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	11
Petitions for writ of certiorari	23
Criminal	
Discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals	114
Discretionary review prior to decision of Court of Appeals	1
Petitions for writ of certiorari	117
Postconviction Remedy	
Applications for further review	77
Petitions for writ of habeas corpus	10
Total Requests to Appeal	552
Appeals	
Civil (mandatory)	
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	30
Annexation	4
Appeal from Judicial Standards Commission	1
Requests to appeal granted that became civil appeals	
Substantial constitutional question	7
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	56
Petition for discretionary review prior to determination by Court of Appeals, allowed	6
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	3
Appeal from Board of Law Examiners	1
On rehearing	1
Criminal (mandatory)	
Defendant sentenced to life imprisonment	67
Defendant sentenced to death	14
Dissent in the Court of Appeals	14
Remand from U.S. Supreme Court	2
Requests to appeal granted that became criminal appeals	
Substantial constitutional question	4
Petition for discretionary review of decision of Court of Appeals, allowed	12
Petition for writ of certiorari, allowed	5
Interlocutory appeal	1
Total Appeal Cases	228
Total, Requests to Appeal and Appeal Cases	780
Other Workload	
Other relief sought under extraordinary writs article	60
Other motions considered	282
Total, Other Workload	342

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Appeals Docketed and Opinions Rendered in the Supreme Court

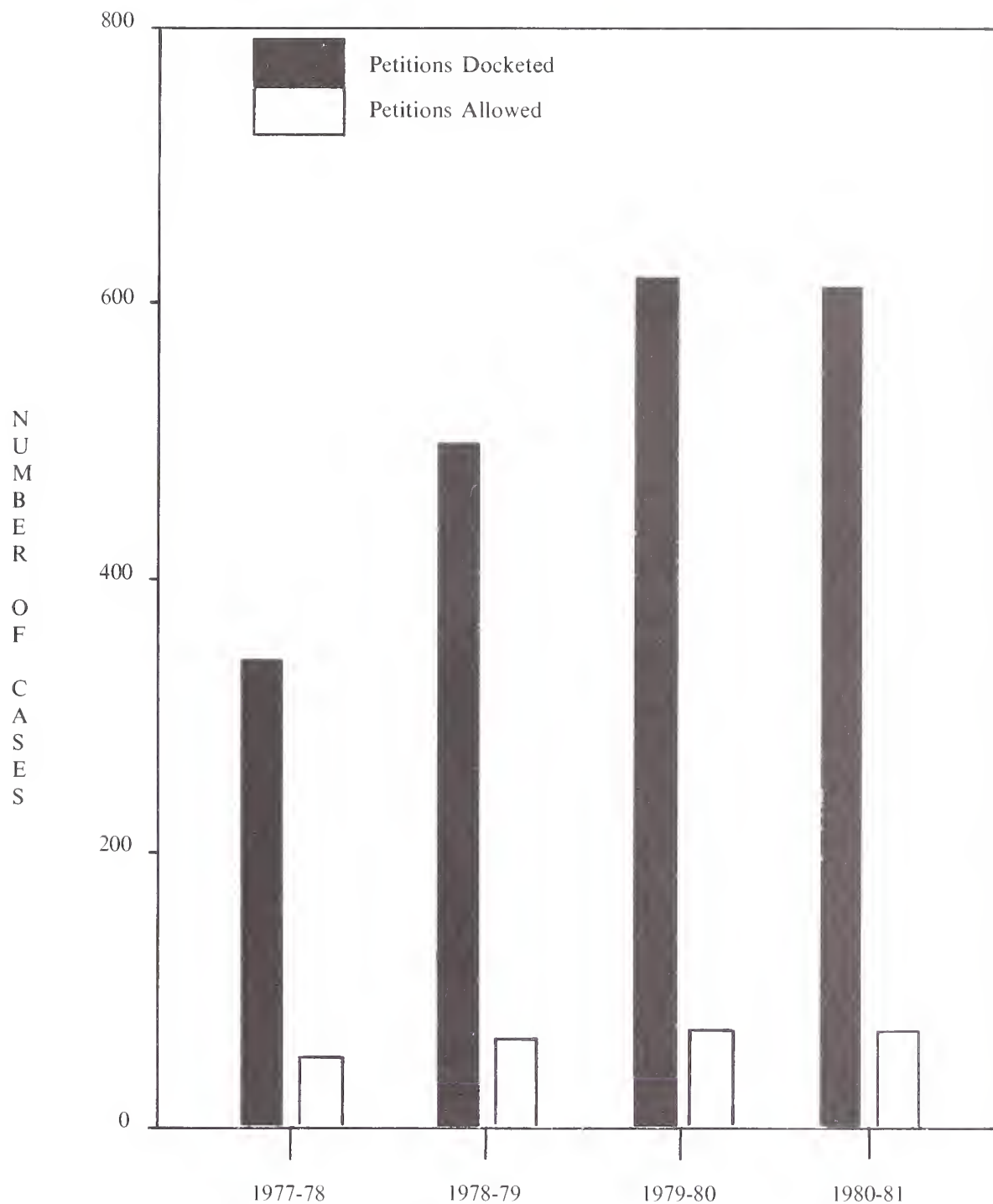


Appeals docketed during the 1980-81 year numbered 231 compared with 262 during the previous year. The

number of opinions totalled 178 during 1980-81 compared with 193 during 1979-80.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Petitions Docketed and Allowed In the Supreme Court



Petitions (including extraordinary writs) filed during 1980-81 totalled 612 compared with 617 during the previous year. During 1980-81, 73 petitions were allowed

and 539 were denied. Of the petitions allowed, 46 pertained to civil matters and 27 to criminal.

THE COURT OF APPEALS OF NORTH CAROLINA*

Chief Judge

NAOMI E. MORRIS

Judges

R. A. HEDRICK

EARL W. VAUGHN

ROBERT M. MARTIN

EDWARD B. CLARK

GERALD ARNOLD

JOHN WEBB

HARRY C. MARTIN

HUGH A. WELLS

CECIL J. HILL

WILLIS P. WHICHARD

CHARLES L. BECTON

Retired Judges

HUGH B. CAMPBELL

FRANK M. PARKER

Clerk

FRANCIS E. DAIL

* As of 30 June 1981

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Court of Appeals

The 12-judge Court of Appeals is North Carolina's intermediate appellate court; it hears a majority of the appeals originating from the State's trial courts. The Court regularly sits in Raleigh, and it may sit in other locations in the State as authorized by the Supreme Court. Sessions outside of Raleigh have not been regular or frequent. Judges of the Court of Appeals are elected by popular vote for eight-year terms. A Chief Judge for the Court is designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and serves in that capacity at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

Cases are heard by panels of three judges, with the Chief Justice responsible for assigning members of the Court to the four panels. Insofar as practicable, each judge is to be assigned to sit a substantially equal number of times with each other judge. The Chief Judge presides over the panel of which he or she is a member and designates a presiding judge for the other panels.

The Chief Judge (or another member of the Court of Appeals designated by the Chief Judge) is an *ex officio* member of the Judicial Council. One member of the Court of Appeals, designated by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, serves as chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

Jurisdiction

The bulk of the caseload of the Court of Appeals consists of cases appealed from the trial courts. The Court also hears appeals directly from any final order or decision of the North Carolina Utilities Commission; the Industrial Commission; certain final orders or decisions of the North Carolina State Bar and the Commissioner of Insurance; and appeals from certain final orders or decisions of the Property Tax Commission. (Appeals from the decisions of other administrative agencies lie first within the jurisdiction of the superior courts.)

In the event of a recommendation from the Judicial Standards Commission to censure or remove from office a justice of the Supreme Court, the (non-binding) recommendation would be considered by the Chief Judge and the six judges next senior in service on the Court of Appeals (excluding the judge who serves as the Commission's chairman). Such seven-member panel would have sole jurisdiction to act upon the Commission's recommendation.

Expenses of the Court, 1980-81

Operating expenses of the Court of Appeals during the 1980-81 fiscal year totalled \$1,881,570, an increase of 14.6% over 1979-80 expenditures of \$1,641,918. Expenditures for the Court of Appeals during 1980-81 amounted to 2.3% of all General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department during the fiscal year. This percentage share of the total is virtually identical to the Court of Appeals' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the 1979-80 fiscal year.

Case Data, Calendar Year 1980

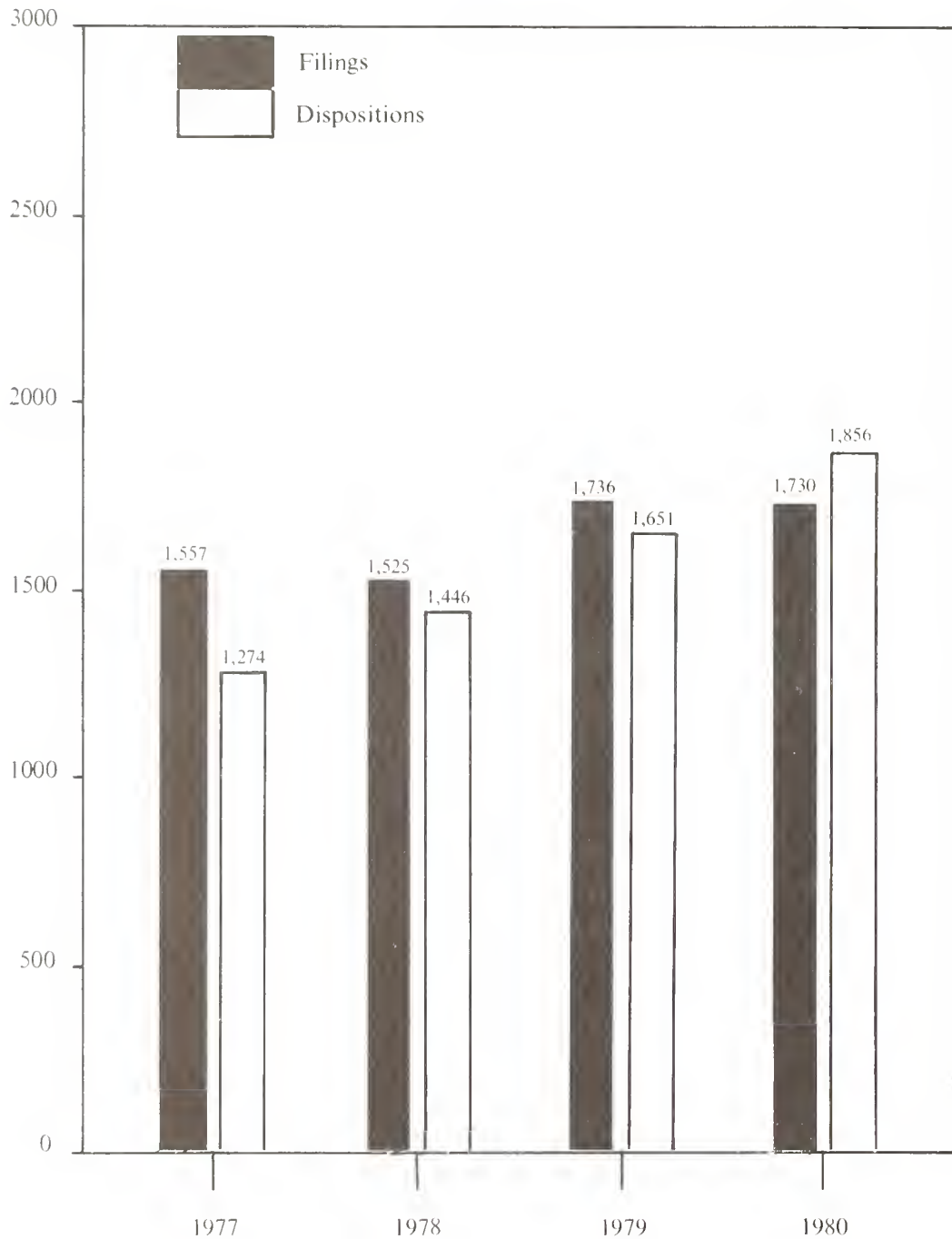
A total of 1,222 appealed cases were filed before the Court of Appeals during *calendar year* 1980. A total of 1,345 cases were disposed of during the same period. A detailed breakdown of this caseload is included in the tables on the following pages.

The Court of Appeals' workload for 1980 also included 508 petitions filed during the year; of these, requests for extraordinary remedies (prerogative writs) make up the vast majority.

The recent trend in filings and dispositions by the Court of Appeals is illustrated in the following graph. Dispositions exceed filings due to the fact that some cases and petitions were filed in 1979 and were disposed of during 1980.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Filings and Dispositions in the Court of Appeals 1977-1980



The filings and dispositions depicted in the above graph include appealed cases and petitions (not motions) in the Court of Appeals. Dispositions exceeded

filings by 126, reflecting the fact that some cases on appeal and some petitions were filed in 1979 but were disposed of in 1980.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE COURT OF APPEALS

January 1, 1980-December 31, 1980

	Filings	Dispositions
Cases on Appeal		
Civil cases appealed from district courts	258	
Civil cases appealed from superior courts	411	
Civil cases appealed from administrative agencies	48	
Criminal cases appealed from superior courts	505	
Total	1,222	1,345
 Petitions		
Allowed		51
Denied		457
Remanded		3
Total	508	511
 Motions		
Allowed		841
Denied		255
Total	1,096	1,096
 Total Cases on Appeal, Petitions and Motions	2,826	2,952*

* Dispositions included some cases and petitions filed in 1979 and disposed of during 1980.

INVENTORY OF CASES APPEALED TO THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1-December 31, 1980

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Filed				Total Cases Filed	Total Cases Disposed
		Appeals from District Courts	Appeals from Superior Court		Other Appeals		
			Civil	Criminal			
I	1	4	9	12	0	25	31
	2	3	4	19	0	26	27
	3	8	15	21	0	44	46
	4	6	9	24	0	39	40
	5	8	9	21	0	38	35
	6	5	6	8	0	19	22
	7	6	10	12	0	28	32
	8	7	10	21	0	38	51
II	9	2	10	12	0	24	24
	10	25	58	24	48	155	165
	11	8	8	10	0	26	28
	12	9	8	40	0	57	78
	13	2	3	13	0	18	15
	14	8	18	19	0	45	35
	15A/B*	14	11	18	0	43	45
	16	4	1	13	0	18	23
III	17	5	17	21	0	43	40
	18	18	24	21	0	63	72
	19A/B*	10	24	15	0	49	47
	20	8	14	23	0	45	46
	21	18	17	18	0	53	70
	22	5	16	7	0	28	27
	23	9	5	12	0	26	35
IV	24	2	5	2	0	9	13
	25	7	20	12	0	39	45
	26	23	38	40	0	101	120
	27A/B*	4	13	19	0	36	43
	28	13	16	8	0	37	42
	29	11	8	14	0	33	32
	30	6	5	6	0	17	16
TOTAL		258	411	505	48	1,222	1,345

* Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

INVENTORY OF MOTIONS AND PETITIONS BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1-December 31, 1980

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Motions Filed	Petitions Filed	Total Filed	Motions Disposed			Petitions Disposed			Motions & Petitions Disposed in Opinion	Total Disposed
					Allowed	Denied	Remanded	Allowed	Denied	Remanded		
I	1	15	9	24	10	5	0	0	9	0	1	25
	2	20	12	32	15	5	0	0	12	0	0	32
	3	44	11	55	29	15	0	0	11	0	2	57
	4	25	17	42	15	10	0	0	17	0	0	42
	5	59	16	75	50	9	0	0	16	1	0	76
	6	20	10	30	16	4	0	0	10	0	0	30
	7	30	18	48	26	4	0	2	16	0	0	48
	8	35	14	49	26	9	0	1	13	0	0	49
II	9	18	14	32	14	4	0	1	13	0	1	33
	10	174	64	238	137	37	0	10	54	0	1	239
	11	21	10	31	15	6	0	1	9	0	1	32
	12	66	23	89	45	21	0	1	22	0	0	89
	13	7	4	11	6	1	0	1	3	0	0	11
	14	31	23	54	24	7	0	1	22	1	1	56
	15A/B*	44	11	55	34	10	0	2	9	0	0	55
	16	14	9	23	10	4	0	1	8	0	0	23
III	17	43	9	52	38	5	0	2	7	1	0	53
	18	41	38	79	30	11	0	1	37	0	2	81
	19A/B*	23	10	33	14	9	0	0	10	0	0	33
	20	35	28	63	28	7	0	2	26	0	1	64
	21	45	22	67	35	10	0	3	19	0	1	67
	22	23	21	44	17	6	0	1	20	0	0	44*
	23	25	6	31	20	5	0	1	5	0	0	31
IV	24	4	2	6	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	6
	25	53	12	65	43	10	0	6	6	0	3	68
	26	75	44	119	54	21	0	6	38	0	1	120
	27A/B*	28	21	49	25	3	0	4	17	0	0	49
	28	35	12	47	28	7	0	1	11	0	2	49
	29	31	13	44	26	5	0	2	11	0	0	44
	30	12	5	17	9	3	0	1	4	0	1	18
TOTAL		1,096	508	1,604	841	255	0	51	457	3	17	1,624

* Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CASES BEFORE THE COURT OF APPEALS
January 1-December 31, 1980

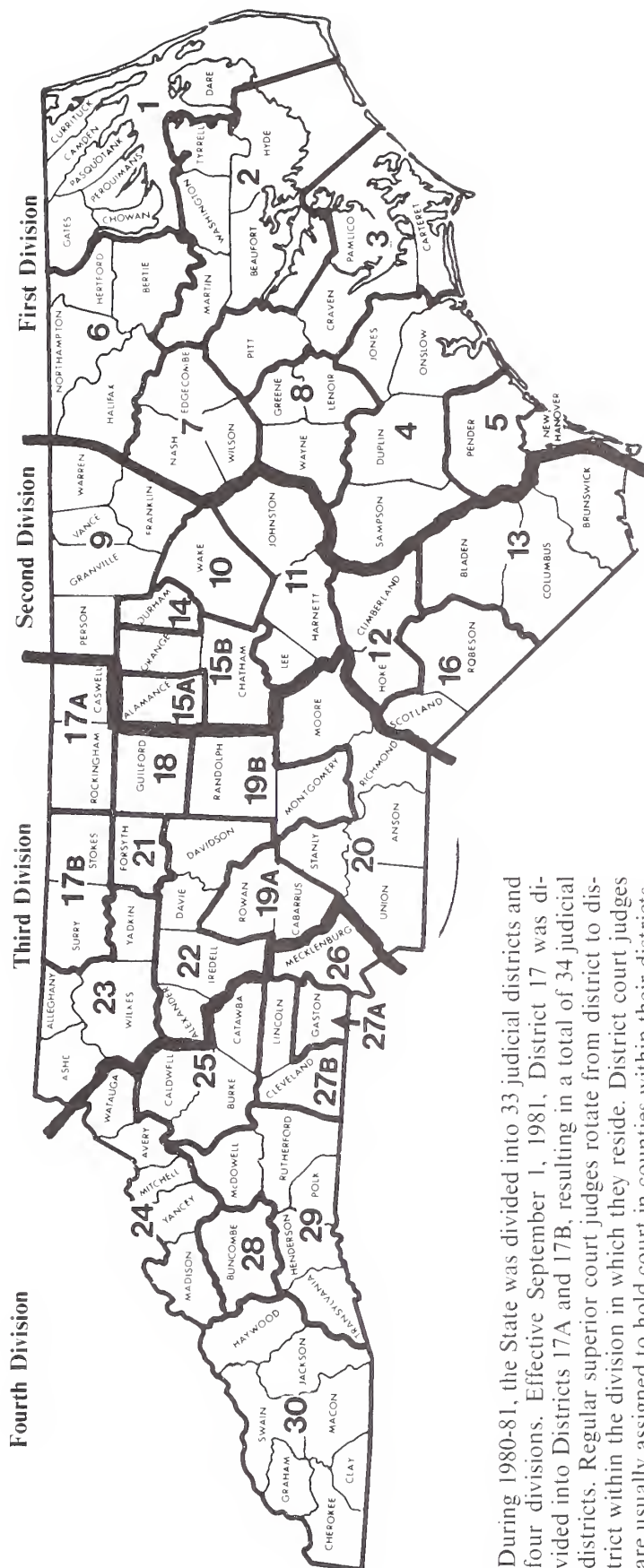
Cases Disposed by Written Opinion

Judicial Division	Judicial District	Cases Affirmed	Cases Reversed	Cases Affirmed in Part, Reversed in Part	Other	Total Cases by Written Opinion	Other Cases Disposed	Total Cases Disposed
I	1	16	10	2	0	28	3	31
	2	16	6	0	0	22	5	27
	3	33	10	1	0	44	2	46
	4	30	9	0	0	39	1	40
	5	17	12	3	0	32	3	35
	6	13	8	0	0	21	1	22
	7	18	8	4	0	30	2	32
	8	38	10	0	0	48	3	51
II	9	13	9	2	0	24	0	24
	10	95	47	11	0	153	12	165
	11	20	6	0	0	26	2	28
	12	53	8	3	2	66	12	78
	13	13	1	0	0	14	1	15
	14	20	8	5	0	33	2	35
	15A/B*	32	11	2	0	45	0	45
	16	16	6	0	0	22	1	23
III	17	30	7	2	0	39	1	40
	18	48	16	3	0	67	5	72
	19A/B*	31	13	3	0	47	0	47
	20	30	10	2	0	42	4	46
	21	40	16	3	0	59	11	70
	22	14	10	0	0	24	3	27
	23	25	8	1	0	34	1	35
IV	24	7	6	0	0	13	0	13
	25	32	7	1	0	40	5	45
	26	77	26	5	0	108	12	120
	27A/B*	28	9	2	0	39	4	43
	28	25	11	2	0	38	4	42
	29	21	9	1	0	31	1	32
	30	8	7	1	0	16	0	16
Total		859	324	59	2	1,244	101	1,345

* Combined totals for Districts 15A and 15B, Districts 19A and 19B, and Districts 27A and 27B are shown. Separate figures for these districts were not available.

THE PRESENT COURT SYSTEM

North Carolina Judicial Districts and Divisions



During 1980-81, the State was divided into 33 judicial districts and four divisions. Effective September 1, 1981, District 17 was divided into Districts 17A and 17B, resulting in a total of 34 judicial districts. Regular superior court judges rotate from district to district within the division in which they reside. District court judges are usually assigned to hold court in counties within their districts.

JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT*
(As of June 30, 1981)

FIRST DIVISION

District

- 1 J. Herbert Small, Elizabeth City
- 2 Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston
- 3 Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville
David E. Reid, Jr., Greenville
- 4 Henry L. Stevens, III, Kenansville
James R. Strickland, Jacksonville
- 5 Bradford Tillery, Wilmington
Napoleon B. Barefoot, Wilmington
- 6 Richard B. Allsbrook, Roanoke Rapids
- 7 George M. Fountain, Tarboro
Franklin R. Brown, Tarboro
- 8 R. Michael Bruce, Mount Olive
James D. Llewellyn, Kinston

SECOND DIVISION

- 9 Robert H. Hobgood, Louisburg
- 10 James H. Pou Bailey, Raleigh
Robert L. Farmer, Raleigh
A. Pilston Goodwin, Jr., Raleigh
Edwin S. Preston, Jr., Raleigh
- 11 Wiley F. Bowen, Dunn
- 12 E. Maurice Braswell, Fayetteville
Coy E. Brewer, Jr., Fayetteville
D.B. Herring, Jr., Fayetteville
- 13 Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
- 14 Thomas H. Lee, Durham
Anthony M. Brannon, Bahama
John C. Martin, Durham
- 15A D. Marsh McLelland, Burlington
- 15B F. Gordon Battle, Chapel Hill
- 16 Samuel E. Britt, Lumberton

THIRD DIVISION

District

- 17 James M. Long, Yanceyville
- 18 Charles T. Kivett, Greensboro
W. Douglas Albright, Greensboro
Edward K. Washington, Greensboro
- 19A Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer
James C. Davis, Concord
- 19B Hal H. Walker, Asheboro
- 20 F. Fetzner Mills, Wadesboro
William H. Helms, Wingate
- 21 William Z. Wood, Winston-Salem
Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
- 22 Robert A. Collier, Jr., Statesville
Peter W. Hairston, Advance
- 23 Julius A. Rousseau, Jr., North Wilkesboro

FOURTH DIVISION

- 24 Ronald W. Howell, Marshall
- 25 Forrest A. Ferrell, Hickory
Claude S. Sitton, Morganton
- 26 Frank W. Snapp, Jr., Charlotte
Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte
Kenneth A. Griffin, Charlotte
William T. Grist, Charlotte
Clifton E. Johnson, Charlotte
- 27A Robert W. Kirby, Cherryville
Robert E. Gaines, Gastonia
- 27B John R. Friday, Lincolnton
- 28 Robert D. Lewis, Asheville
C. Walter Allen, Asheville
- 29 Hollis M. Owens, Rutherfordton
- 30 Lacy H. Thornburg, Webster

* In districts with more than one resident judge, the senior resident judge is listed first.

SPECIAL JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Clarence P. Cornelius, Mooresville
Judson D. DeRamus, Jr., Winston-Salem
William H. Freeman, Winston-Salem
John R. Jolly, Rocky Mount

Charles C. Lamm, Jr., Boone
Arthur L. Lane, Fayetteville
Donald L. Smith, Raleigh
Charles B. Winberry, Rocky Mount

EMERGENCY JUDGES OF SUPERIOR COURT

Albert W. Cowper, Kinston
Hamilton H. Hobgood, Louisburg

The Conference of Superior Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Elbert S. Peel, Jr., Williamston, *President*
A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., Raleigh, *President-Elect*
Robert D. Rouse, Jr., Farmville, *Vice President*
Robert M. Burroughs, Charlotte, *Secretary-Treasurer*
Thomas W. Seay, Jr., Spencer and Lacy H. Thornburg,
Webster, *Additional Executive Committee Members*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Superior Courts

North Carolina's superior courts are the general jurisdiction trial courts for the State. In 1980-81 there were 58 "resident" superior court judges elected to office in the 33 judicial districts, for eight-year terms by Statewide ballot. In addition, eight "special" superior court judges are appointed by the Governor for four-year terms.

Jurisdiction

The superior court has original jurisdiction in all felony cases and in those misdemeanor cases which originate by grand jury indictment. (Most misdemeanors are tried first in the district court, from which conviction may be appealed to the superior court for trial *de novo* by a jury. No trial by jury is available for criminal cases in district court.) The superior court is the proper court for trial of civil cases where the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000, and it has jurisdiction over appeals from all administrative agencies except the Utilities Commission, Industrial Commission, certain rulings of the Commissioner of Insurance, the Board of Bar Examiners of the N.C. State Bar, and the Property Tax Commission. Appeals from these agencies lie directly to the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Regardless of the amount in controversy, the original civil jurisdiction of the superior court does not include domestic relations cases, which are heard in the district courts, or probate and estates matters and certain special proceedings heard first by the clerk of superior court as *ex officio* judge of probate. Rulings of the clerk are within the appellate jurisdiction of the superior court.

Administration

The 100 counties of North Carolina were grouped into 33 judicial districts during 1980-81. Each district has at least one resident superior court judge who has certain administrative responsibilities for his home district, such as providing for civil case calendaring procedures. (Criminal case calendars are prepared by the district attorneys.) In districts with more than one resident superior court judge, the judge senior in service on the superior court bench exercises these supervisory powers.

The judicial districts are grouped into four divisions for the rotation of superior court judges, as shown on the map on page 00. Within the division, a resident

superior court judge is required to rotate through the judicial districts, holding court for at least six months in each, then moving on to his next assignment. A special superior court judge may be assigned to hold court in any of the 100 counties. Assignments of all superior court judges are made by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Under the Constitution of North Carolina, at least two sessions (a week each) of superior court are held annually in each of the 100 counties. The vast majority of counties have more than the Constitutional minimum of two weeks of superior court annually. Many larger counties have superior court in session about every week in the year.

Resources

A total of \$16,308,092 was expended for operation of the superior courts during the 1980-81 fiscal year, an increase of 16.1% over 1979-80 expenditures of \$14,042,696. This total includes expenditures for the State's district attorneys' offices as well as the salaries and operating expenses of the 66 superior court judges, the court reporters in the superior courts, and staff support. The 1980-81 total amounted to 20.1% of the General Fund expenditures for operating expenses of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total is approximately the same as the superior courts' percentage share of the Judicial Department total in the previous year.

1980-81 Caseload

Including both civil and criminal cases, a total of 82,441 cases were filed in the superior courts from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981. This was an increase of 7,542 cases (10%) over the 1979-80 total of 74,899 case filings. A similar increase in total case filings has occurred in the superior courts during recent years.

Superior court case dispositions increased also, although the number of cases disposed of during 1980-81 (totalling 80,303 cases) did not equal the number filed. As a result, there was an increase in the total number of cases pending, from 32,122 at the beginning of the fiscal year to 34,260 at the end of the year—a 6.7% increase.

More detailed information on the flow of cases through the superior courts is included in Part IV of this Report.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES*
(As of June 30, 1981)

District

- 1 John T. Chaffin, Elizabeth City
Grafton G. Beaman, Elizabeth City
John R. Parker, Elizabeth City
- 2 Hallett S. Ward, Washington
James W. Hardison, Williamston
- 3 Herbert O. Phillips, III, Morehead City
E. Burt Aycock, Jr., Greenville
James E. Martin, Bethel
James E. Regan, Oriental
H. Horton Roundtree, Greenville
Robert D. Wheeler, Grifton
- 4 Kenneth W. Turner, Rose Hill
E. Alex Erwin, III, Jacksonville
Walter P. Henderson, Trenton
James N. Martin, Kenansville
Stephen M. Williamson, Kenansville
- 5 Gilbert H. Burnett, Wilmington
Carter T. Lambeth, Wilmington
Charles H. Rice, III, Wilmington
John M. Walker, Wilmington
- 6 Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
Harold P. McCoy, Scotland Neck
Robert E. Williford, Lewiston
- 7 George Britt, Tarboro
James E. Ezzell, Rocky Mount
Allen W. Harrell, Wilson
Albert S. Thomas, Jr., Wilson
- 8 J. Patrick Exum, Kinston
Kenneth R. Ellis, Fremont
Rodney R. Goodman, Kinston
Arnold O. Jones, Goldsboro
Paul M. Wright, Goldsboro
- 9 Claude W. Allen, Jr., Oxford
Ben U. Allen, Jr., Henderson
J. Larry Senter, Franklinton
Charles W. Wilkinson, Oxford
- 10 George F. Bason, Raleigh
Henry V. Barnette, Jr., Raleigh
Stafford G. Bullock, Raleigh
George R. Greene, Raleigh
John Hill Parker, Raleigh
Russell G. Sherrill, III, Raleigh

District

- 11 Elton C. Pridgen, Smithfield
William Christian, Sanford
K. Edward Greene, Dunn
W. Pope Lyon, Smithfield
- 12 Derb S. Carter, Fayetteville
Sol. G. Cherry, Fayetteville
Joseph E. Dupree, Raeford
Charles Lee Guy, Fayetteville
Lacy S. Hair, Fayetteville
- 13 William E. Wood, Whiteville
William C. Gore, Jr., Whiteville
J. Wilton Hunt, Sr., Whiteville
Roy D. Trest, Shallotte
- 14 J. Milton Read, Jr., Durham
Karen B. Galloway, Durham
David Q. LaBarre, Durham
William G. Pearson, II, Durham
- 15A J.B. Allen, Jr., Burlington
W.S. Harris, Jr., Graham
James K. Washburn, Burlington
- 15B Stanley Peele, Chapel Hill
Donald L. Paschal, Siler City
- 16 John S. Gardner, Lumberton
B. Craig Ellis, Laurinburg
Charles G. McLean, Lumberton
Herbert L. Richardson, Lumberton
- 17 Leonard H. vanNoppen, Danbury
Foy Clark, Mount Airy
Jerry Cash Martin, Mount Airy
Peter M. McHugh, Reidsville
- 18 Robert L. Cecil, High Point
Robert Bencini, Jr., High Point
William L. Daisy, Greensboro
Thomas G. Foster, Jr., Greensboro
William K. Hunter, High Point
Joseph R. John, Greensboro
Edmund Lowe, High Point
John F. Yeattes, Jr., Greensboro
- 19A Robert L. Warren, Concord
Adam C. Grant, Jr., Concord
Clarence E. Horton, Jr., Kannapolis
Frank M. Montgomery, Salisbury

*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES* **(As of June 30, 1981)**

District

- 19B L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro
William M. Neely, Asheboro
- 20 Donald R. Huffman, Wadesboro
Ronald W. Burris, Albemarle
Kenneth W. Honneycutt, Monroe
Walter M. Lampley, Rockingham
- 21 Abner Alexander, Winston-Salem
James A. Harrill, Jr., Winston-Salem
Robert Kason Keiger, Winston-Salem
David R. Tanis, Winston-Salem
Gary B. Tash, Winston-Salem
- 22 Lester P. Martin, Jr., Mocksville
Samuel A. Cathey, Statesville
Robert W. Johnson, Statesville
Hubert E. Olive, Jr., Lexington
- 23 Samuel T. Osborne, Wilkesboro
Max F. Ferree, Wilkesboro
John T. Kilby, Jefferson
- 24 Robert H. Lacey, Newland
R. Alexander Lyerly, Banner Elk
- 25 Livingston Vernon, Morganton
Edward J. Crotty, Hickory
Robert A. Mullinax, Newton
L. Oliver Noble, Jr., Hickory
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton

District

- 26 Chase B. Saunders, Charlotte
Walter H. Bennett, Jr., Charlotte
Larry Thomas Black, Charlotte
L. Stanley Brown, Charlotte
Daphene L. Cantrell, Charlotte
William G. Jones, Charlotte
James E. Lanning, Charlotte
William H. Scarborough, Charlotte
T. Michael Todd, Charlotte
- 27A Lewis Bulwinkle, Gastonia
Berlin H. Carpenter, Jr., Gastonia
J. Ralph Phillips, Gastonia
Donald E. Ramseur, Gastonia
- 27B A. Max Harris, Ellenboro
James T. Bowen, Lincolnton
George W. Hamrick, Shelby
- 28 James O. Israel, Jr., Candler
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
Peter L. Roda, Asheville
William Marion Styles, Black Mountain
- 29 Robert T. Gash, Brevard
Loto J. Greenlee, Marion
Zoro J. Guice, Jr., Hendersonville
Thomas N. Hix, Hendersonville
- 30 Robert Leatherwood, III, Bryson City
J. Charles McDarris, Waynesville
John J. Snow, Jr., Murphy

*The Chief District Court Judge for each district is listed first.

The Association of District Court Judges
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids, *President*
Samuel McD. Tate, Morganton, *Vice President*
J. B. Allen, Jr., Burlington, *Secretary-Treasurer*
George M. Britt, Tarboro
Earl J. Fowler, Jr., Arden
William G. Pearson, III, Durham
Additional Executive Committee Members

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The District Courts

North Carolina's district courts are trial courts with original jurisdiction of the overwhelming majority of the cases handled by the State's court system. There were 136 district court judges serving in 33 judicial districts during 1980-81, elected to four-year terms by the voters of their respective districts.

A total of 562 magistrate positions (some part-time) were authorized as of June 30, 1981. Magistrates are appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from nominations submitted by the clerk of superior court of their county, and they are supervised by the chief district court judge of their district.

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the district court extends to virtually all misdemeanor cases, probable cause hearings in most felony cases, all juvenile proceedings, involuntary commitments and recommitments to mental hospitals, domestic relations cases, and to general civil cases where the amount in controversy is \$5,000 or less. Upon the plaintiff's request, a civil case in which the amount in controversy is \$1,000** or less may be designated a "small claims" case and assigned by the chief district court judge to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates are also empowered to try worthless check criminal cases when the value of the check does not exceed \$400*** and the offender has fewer than four previous worthless check convictions. Magistrates may also accept waivers of appearance and pleas of guilty in traffic cases for which a uniform schedule of fines has been adopted by the Conference of Chief District Judges. Magistrates conduct initial hearings to fix conditions of release for arrested offenders, and are empowered to issue arrest and search warrants.

Administration

A chief district judge is appointed for each judicial district by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court from among the elected judges in the respective districts. Subject to the Chief Justice's general supervision, each chief judge exercises administrative supervision and authority over the operation of the district courts and magistrates in his district. Each chief judge is responsible for: scheduling sessions of district court and assigning judges; supervising the calendaring of civil cases; assigning matters to magistrates; making arrangements for court reporting and jury trials in civil cases; and

supervising the discharge of clerical functions in the district courts.

The chief district court judges meet in conference at least once a year upon the call of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Among other matters, this annual conference adopts a uniform schedule of traffic offenses and fines for their violation for use by magistrates and clerks of court in accepting defendants' waivers of appearance and guilty pleas.

The Conference of Chief District Court Judges (Officers as of June 30, 1981)

J. Milton Read, Durham, *Chairman*

George F. Bason, Raleigh, *Vice Chairman*

Resources

A total of \$15,953,309 was expended for operating the district courts in 1980-81, an increase of 11.8% over 1979-80 expenditures of \$14,269,622. Included in the total are expenses of court reporters for district courts as well as personnel costs of district court judges and magistrates. The 1980-81 total is 19.6% of the General Fund expenditures for operation of the entire Judicial Department, approximately the same district courts percentage share of total Judicial Department expenditures for the previous fiscal year.

1980-81 Caseload

Not including juvenile proceedings and mental hospital commitment hearings, the statewide total of district court filings (civil and criminal) during 1980-81 was 1,520,826 cases, an increase of 62,179 (4.3%) over the 1979-80 filings of 1,458,647 cases. Most of this increase was in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, which had 365,516 filings in 1979-80 and 402,900 filings in 1980-81, an increase of 10.3%. There was a 9.1% increase in civil case filings, from a total of 315,867 cases in 1979-80 to 344,483 cases in 1980-81. Motor vehicle criminal case filings decreased about one-half of one per cent, from 777,264 cases in 1979-80 to 773,443 cases in 1980-81.

More detailed information on district court civil and criminal caseloads is contained in Part IV of this *Report*.

**Increased from \$800, effective October 1, 1981.

***Increased from \$400, effective October 1, 1981.

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS
(As of June 30, 1981)

District

- 1 THOMAS S. WATTS, Elizabeth City
- 2 WILLIAM C. GRIFFIN, JR., Williamston
- 3 ELI BLOOM, Greenville
- 4 WILLIAM H. ANDREWS, Jacksonville
- 5 W. ALLEN COBB, Wilmington
- 6 W. E. MURPHREY, III, Jackson
- 7 HOWARD S. BONEY, JR., Tarboro
- 8 DONALD JACOBS, Goldsboro
- 9 DAVID R. WATERS, Oxford
- 10 J. RANDOLPH RILEY, Raleigh
- 11 JOHN W. TWISDALE, Smithfield
- 12 EDWARD W. GRANNIS, JR., Fayetteville
- 13 LEE J. GREER, Whiteville
- 14 DAN K. EDWARDS, JR., Durham
- 15A HERBERT F. PIERCE, Graham
- 15B WADE BARBER, JR., Pittsboro
- 16 JOE FREEMAN BRITT, Lumberton

District

- 17 FRANKLIN E. FREEMAN, JR., Reidsville
- 18 MICHAEL A. SCHLOSSER, Greensboro
- 19A JAMES E. ROBERTS, Concord
- 19B GARLAND N. YATES, Asheboro
- 20 CARROLL LOWDER, Monroe
- 21 DONALD K. TISDALE, Winston-Salem
- 22 H. W. ZIMMERMAN, JR., Lexington
- 23 MICHAEL A. ASHBURN, North Wilkesboro
- 24 CLYDE M. ROBERTS, Marshall
- 25 DONALD E. GREENE, Newton
- 26 PETER S. GILCHRIST, Charlotte
- 27A JOSEPH G. BROWN, Gastonia
- 27B W. HAMPTON CHILDS, JR., Lincolnton
- 28 RONALD C. BROWN, Asheville
- 29 M. LEONARD LOWE, Rutherfordton
- 30 MARCELLUS BUCHANAN, III, Sylva

The District Attorneys Association
(Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Wade Barber, Pittsboro, *President*

Randolph Riley, Raleigh, *Vice President*

Ronald C. Brown, Asheville, *Vice President*
Legislative Affairs

John Smith, II, Wilmington, *Secretary-Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The District Attorneys

The State is divided into prosecutorial districts which correspond to its judicial districts, and a district attorney is elected by the voters of each of the 33 districts for four-year terms. (By act of the 1981 Session of the General Assembly, District 17 was divided into 17A and 17B, effective September 1, 1981, making a total of 34 districts for the State.)

Duties

The district attorney represents the State in all criminal actions brought in the superior and district courts in his district. In addition to his prosecutorial functions, the district attorney is responsible for calendaring criminal cases for trial.

Resources

Each district attorney may employ on a full-time basis the number of assistant district attorneys authorized by statute for his district. As of June 30, 1981, a total of 204 assistant district attorneys were authorized for the 33 districts. The district attorney of District 26 (Mecklenburg County) had the largest staff (19 assistants) and the district attorney of District 24 had the smallest (two assistants).

Each district attorney is also authorized to employ on a full-time basis an administrative assistant to aid in preparing cases for trial and to expedite the criminal court docket. The district attorney in 19 of the 33 districts is empowered to employ an investigative assistant who aids in the investigation of cases prior to trial.

1980-81 Caseload

A total of 68,685 criminal cases were filed in superior courts from July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981, consisting of 42,792 felony cases and 25,893 misdemeanor appeals from district courts. The total number of filings (felonies and misdemeanor appeals) in the superior courts during the prior year was 61,824. The 1980-81 increase of 6,861 cases represents 11.1% increase over the 1979-80 total.

A total of 66,564 criminal cases were disposed of by the superior courts during 1980-81, which was 2,121 cases less than the number of filings. Therefore, compared with the number of pending cases at the beginning of the year (16,605) the number as of June 30, 1981 was 18,726, a 12.8% increase in the number of pending cases.

In the district courts, a total of 1,176,343 criminal cases were filed during 1980-81 (773,443 motor vehicle criminal and 402,900 non-motor vehicle criminal cases), compared with a total of 1,142,780 criminal cases during 1979-80. This is an overall increase of 33,563 (2.9%) in criminal case filings in the district courts. However, all of this increase was in the non-motor vehicle criminal case category (37,384 cases more in 1980-81 than in 1979-80), and motor vehicle criminal case filings were slightly less (3,821 cases) in 1980-81 compared with the number of such filings in 1979-80. (Due to a change in statistical reporting procedures, the clerks of court no longer report motor vehicle criminal cases by case file number to the Administrative Office of the Courts. Only summary total numbers of filings and dispositions are reported weekly. Therefore, it is not possible by computer-processing to obtain pending case data for the motor vehicle criminal case category.)

As in previous years, a substantial number (451,789 or 58.7%) of the 769,242 dispositions of motor vehicle criminal cases were disposed of by waiver of appearance and entry of plea of guilty before a clerk or magistrate. This substantial number of criminal cases did not, of course, require action by the district attorneys' offices, and should not be regarded as having been a part of the district attorneys' "caseload".

With respect to the non-motor vehicle criminal case category, the total number of case dispositions during 1980-81 was 388,897, compared with 402,900 case filings. Therefore, the number of such cases pending at the end of the year had increased from 50,049 (beginning of year) to 64,052, an increase of 28 per cent.

Additional information on the criminal caseloads in the superior and district courts is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT
(As of June 30, 1981)

COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT	COUNTY	CLERK OF COURT
Alamance	Louise B. Wilson	Johnston	Will R. Crocker
Alexander	Martha J. Adams	Jones	Ronald H. Metts
Alleghany	Joan B. Atwood	Lee	Sion H. Kelly
Anson	R. Frank Hightower	Lenoir	M. E. Creech
Ashe	Virginia W. Johnson	Lincoln	Nellie L. Bess
Avery	Billy J. Vance	Macon	Lois S. Morris
Beaufort	Bessie J. Cherry	Madison	James W. Cody
Bertie	Thomas S. Speight	Martin	Mary K. Wynne
Bladen	Smithy S. Harris	McDowell	Ruth B. Williams
Brunswick	K. Gregory Bellamy	Mecklenburg	Robert M. Blackburn
Buncombe	J. Ray Elingburg	Mitchell	Arthur Ray Ledford
Burke	Major A. Joines	Montgomery	Charles M. Johnson
Cabarrus	Estus B. White	Moore	Charles M. McLeod
Caldwell	Mary Hood Thompson	Nash	Rachel M. Joyner
Camden	Catherine W. McCoy	New Hanover	Louise D. Rehder
Carteret	Mary Austin	Northampton	R. Jennings White, Jr.
Caswell	J. P. Moore	Onslow	Everitte Barbee
Catawba	Eunice W. Mauney	Orange	Frank S. Frederick
Chatham	Janice Oldham	Pamlico	Sadie W. Edwards
Cherokee	Rose Mary Crooke	Pasquotank	Frances W. Thompson
Chowan	Lena M. Leary	Pender	Frances N. Futch
Clay	Ralph A. Allison	Perquimans	W. J. Ward
Cleveland	Ruth S. Dedmon	Person	W. Thomas Humphries
Columbus	Lacy R. Thompson	Pitt	Sandra Gaskins
Craven	Dorothy Pate	Polk	Judy P. Arledge
Cumberland	George T. Griffin	Randolph	John H. Skeen
Currituck	Wiley B. Elliot	Richmond	Miriam F. Greene
Dare	C. S. Meekins	Robeson	Ben G. Floyd, Jr.
Davidson	Hugh Shepherd	Rockingham	Frankie C. Williams
Davie	Delores C. Jordan	Rowan	Francis Glover
Duplin	John A. Johnson	Rutherford	Joan M. Jenkins
Durham	James Leo Carr	Sampson	Charlie T. McCullen
Edgecombe	Curtis Weaver	Scotland	C. Whitfield Gibson, Jr.
Forsyth	A. E. Blackburn	Stanly	Joe H. Lowder
Franklin	Ralph S. Knott	Stokes	Robert Miller
Gaston	Betty B. Jenkins	Surry	David J. Beal
Gates	Tobe Daniels, Jr.	Swain	Harold H. Sandlin
Graham	O. W. Hooper, Jr.	Transylvania	Marian M. McMahon
Granville	Mary Ruth C. Nelms	Tyrrell	Jessie L. Spencer
Greene	Cleo W. McKeel	Union	Nola H. McCollum
Guilford	Joseph E. Slate, Jr.	Vance	Mary Lou M. Barnett
Halifax	J. C. Taylor	Wake	J. Russell Nipper
Harnett	Georgia Lee Brown	Warren	Anne F. Davis
Haywood	William G. Henry	Washington	Louise S. Allen
Henderson	Thomas H. Thompson	Watauga	John T. Bingham
Hertford	Richard T. Vann	Wayne	Shelton Jordan
Hoke	Juanita Edmund	Wilkes	Wayne Roope
Hyde	W. Allen Credle	Wilson	William G. Stewart
Iredell	Carl G. Smith	Yadkin	Harold J. Long
Jackson	Frank Watson, Jr.	Yancey	Arnold E. Higgins

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The Clerks of Superior Court

A Clerk of Superior Court is elected for four-year terms by the voters in each of North Carolina's 100 counties. The Clerk has jurisdiction to hear and decide special proceedings and is, *ex officio*, judge of probate, in addition to performing record-keeping and administrative functions for both the superior and district courts of his county.

Jurisdiction

The original jurisdiction of the clerk of superior court includes the probate of wills and administration of decedents' estates. It also includes such "special proceedings" as adoptions, condemnations of private property under the public's right of eminent domain, proceedings to establish boundaries, foreclosures, and certain proceedings to administer the estates of minors and incompetent adults. The right of appeal from the clerks' judgments in such cases lies to the superior court.

The clerk of superior court is also empowered to issue search warrants and arrest warrants, subpoenas, and other process necessary to execute the judgments entered in the superior and district courts of his county. For certain misdemeanor criminal offenses, the clerk is authorized to accept defendants' waiver of appearance and plea of guilty and to impose a fine in accordance with a schedule established by the Conference of Chief District Court Judges.

Administration

The clerk of superior court performs administrative duties for both the superior and district courts of his county. Among these duties are the maintenance of court records and indexes, the control and accounting of funds, and the furnishing of information to the Administrative Office of the Courts.

In most counties, the clerk continued to perform certain functions related to preparation of civil case calendars, and in many counties the clerk's staff assisted the district attorney in preparing some criminal case calendars as well. Policy and oversight responsibility for civil case calendaring is vested in the State's senior resident superior court judges and chief district court judges. However, day-to-day calendar preparation is the clerk's responsibility in all districts except those served by trial court administrators.

Resources

A total of \$27,140,415 was expended in 1980-81 for operation of the 100 clerks of superior court offices, an increase of 11.8% over 1979-80 expenditures of

\$24,283,713. Included in the total were expenditures for jurors' fees, and for supplies, postage, telephone and office expenses for all local Judicial Department personnel, and the salaries and benefits of the clerks and their staffs. The 1980-81 total amounted to 33.4% of General Fund expenditures for the operation of the entire Judicial Department. This percentage share of the total for the Judicial Department is about the same as the percentage share for operations of the clerks' offices in 1979-80.

1980-81 Caseload

Filings of estates cases totalled 36,753 cases in 1980-81, an increase of 6% over the 34,670 cases filed in 1979-81. Estate cases dispositions totalled 33,830 in 1980-81, or 5.4% more than the 1979-80 total of 32,093 cases. As filings during the year exceeded dispositions by 2,923 cases, the number pending at the end of the year increased by that amount over the number pending at the beginning of the 1980-81 year.

A total of 31,294 special proceedings were filed during 1980-81 before the 100 clerks of superior court, an increase of 1,464 (4.9%) over the number of filings for the previous year. Total number of dispositions of special proceedings during the year was 28,656, with a resulting increase in the number of cases pending, from 20,196 on July 1, 1980 to 22,834 on June 30, 1981, an increase of 13%.

More detailed information on the estates and special proceedings caseloads is included in Part IV of this *Report*.

Association of Clerks of Superior Court (Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Ben G. Floyd, Jr., Robeson County, *President*

Louise B. Wilson, Alamance County,
First Vice President

George T. Griffin, Cumberland County
Second Vice President

Nola H. McCollum, Union County,
Secretary

Major Joines, Burke County
Treasurer

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

Public Defenders

During 1980-81 there were six public defender offices in North Carolina, serving Judicial Districts 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A and 28. (The public defender office for the third judicial district was established as of January 1, 1981.) The public defender for District 28 is appointed by the senior resident superior court judge from recommendations submitted by the district bar; for the other districts, the appointment is by the Governor from recommendations of the respective district bars. Their terms are four years. Each public defender is by statute provided a minimum of one full-time assistant; additional full-time or part-time assistants may be authorized by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Entitlement of Indigents To Counsel

A person is determined to be indigent if he is found "financially unable to secure legal representation". He is entitled to State-paid legal representation in: any proceeding which may result in (or which seeks relief from) confinement, a fine of \$500 or more, or extradition to another State, a proceeding alleging mental illness or incapacity which may result in hospitalization, sterilization, or the loss of certain property rights; and juvenile proceedings which may result in confinement, transfer to superior court for a felony trial, or a transfer of custody upon a finding of abuse or neglect.

Most of the cases of State-paid representation of indigents in the districts with public defenders are handled by the public defender's office. However, the court may in certain circumstances—such as existence

of a potential conflict of interest—assign private counsel to represent an indigent defendant. In the other 28 districts, the assigned private counsel system is the only one used.

Resources

A total of \$1,757,662 was expended for the operation of the six public defenders' offices during the 1980-81 fiscal year, an increase of \$352,947 over the 1979-80 total of \$1,404,715. However, \$120,714 of the increase is attributable to the operation of the public defender office in the Third Judicial District, which was not in existence during the 1979-80 fiscal year. (The expenditure data just cited covers salaries and travel expense. Under the cost data system in effect during 1980-81, other operational expenses for the public defender offices were not separately identified from operating expenses incurred for judicial offices within the respective counties.)

1980-81 Caseload

The six public defenders' offices handled a total of 14,447 cases, including both trials and appeals, in 1980-81. This represents an increase of 25% over the 11,558 cases handled by *five* public defender offices during the 1979-80 fiscal year. Additional information on the operation of these offices is contained in Part III of this *Annual Report*.

PUBLIC DEFENDERS

(As of June 30, 1981)

District 3

Donald C. Hicks, III, Greenville

District 12

Mary Ann Tally, Fayetteville

District 18

Wallace G. Harrelson, Greensboro

District 26

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., Charlotte

District 27A

Curtis O. Harris, Gastonia

District 28

J. Robert Hufstader, Asheville

The Association of Public Defenders (Officers as of June 30, 1981)

Fritz Y. Mercer, Jr., *President*

Frederick G. Lind, *Vice President*

Arthur W. Cooke, *Secretary*

Terry Sherill, *Treasurer*

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The North Carolina Courts Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1981)

Appointed by the Governor

H. Parks Helms, Charlotte, *Chairman*
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Wade Barber, Jr., Pittsboro
District Attorney

Daniel T. Blue, Jr., Raleigh
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

David M. Britt, Raleigh
Associate Justice, N.C. Supreme Court

George Kornegay, Mount Olive

I. T. Valentine, Jr., Nashville

Louise B. Wilson, Graham
Clerk of Court

Appointed by President of the Senate (Lieutenant Governor)

Henson P. Barnes, Goldsboro
Member, N.C. Senate

Fielding Clark, II, Hickory

Giles R. Clark, Elizabethtown
Superior Court Judge

E. Lawrence Davis, Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Hundley, Thomasville

Glenn R. Jernigan, Fayetteville
Member, N.C. Senate

R. C. Soles, Jr., Tabor City
Member, N. C. Senate

Howard F. Twiggs, Raleigh

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Robert W. Bone, Rocky Mount
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Bobby R. Etheridge, Angier
Member, N. C. House of Representatives

Robert C. Hunter, Marion
Member, N. C. House of Representatives

Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., Winston-Salem

Ralph S. Knott, Louisburg
Clerk of Court

Nicholas Long, Roanoke Rapids
District Court Judge

Carl S. Stewart, Jr., Gastonia

Dennis A. Wicker, Sanford
Member, N.C. House of Representatives

Ex-Officio (Non-Voting)

Robert M. Clay, Raleigh
N.C. Bar Association Representative

William K. Davis, Raleigh
N. C. State Bar Representative

Bert M. Montague, Raleigh
Administrative Officer of the Courts

The North Carolina Courts Commission was established by the 1979 General Assembly "to make continuing studies of the structure, organization, jurisdiction, procedures and personnel of the Judicial Department and of the General Court of Justice and to make recommendations to the General Assembly for such changes therein as will facilitate the administration of justice". Initially, the Commission was comprised of 15 voting members, with five each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate (Lt. Governor), and the Speaker of the House. The Commission also had three *ex officio* non-voting members as shown above.

Pursuant to legislation sponsored by the Commission, the 1981 General Assembly amended the statutes pertaining to the Courts Commission, to increase the number of voting members from 15 to 23. Under current law, the Governor appoints seven voting members, the Lieutenant Governor appoints eight voting members and the Speaker of the House appoints eight voting members. The non-voting *ex-officio* members remain the same: a representative of the North Carolina Bar Association, a representative of the North Carolina State Bar, and the Administrative Officer of the Courts.

ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS IN 1980-81

The North Carolina Courts Commission

The following proposals were sponsored by the North Carolina Courts Commission and approved by the 1981 Session of the General Assembly:

- Statutory amendment to provide for temporary recall of retired justices and judges who have passed mandatory retirement age.
- Proposed constitutional amendment to permit recall of retired appellate justices and judges to serve temporarily on either appellate court.
- Proposed constitutional amendment to authorize General Assembly to provide for direct appeal from Utilities Commission to Supreme Court.
- Statutory amendments to facilitate juror selection process.
- Statutory amendments to require presiding judge at preliminary hearing to inform indigent defendant that if he is convicted and placed on probation he may become liable for costs of assigned counsel; that if defendant is acquitted, he will not have to pay for counsel; that if the indigent defendant becomes non-indigent before trial is concluded, he must notify counsel and counsel must notify court.
- Statutory amendments to provide that magistrates' seniority salary increases take effect on anniversary of appointment.
- Statutory amendment to increase salary for clerks of superior court in the lowest salary classification.
- Statutory amendment to revise procedures for preparation of master jury list, requiring use of voter lists and driver license lists beginning in July, 1983.

The following items, among others, are expected to be on the Commission's agenda for consideration during 1982:

- Study of current judicial district and judicial division boundaries and personnel allocations; consideration of procedures for personnel allocations. (Legislative Resolution 51 of the 1981 Session directs the Commission to make this study and to report to the 1983 Session of the General Assembly.)
- Study of the current procedures for the collection of judgments and court fees, and study of the new judgment exemptions law. A report on the latter matter is to be made to the 1982 Session of the General Assembly; and a report on the first listed item is to be made to the 1983 legislative session.
- Study of "decriminalization" of traffic offenses, and possible administrative (rather than court) disposition. Commission will report to the 1983 Legislative Session on this subject.
- Study of provision of legal services for indigent criminal defendants.
- Study of "career program" for assistant district attorneys.
- Consideration of change in constitution to eliminate trial *de novo* in the superior court upon appeal from district court misdemeanor conviction.
- Consider increase of district court civil jurisdictional amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
- Consider alternatives to present bail bond system.
- Consider change in present appointment procedures for magistrates.
- Study of ways to reduce time spent by witnesses in court waiting to testify.
- Review of schedule of costs and fees in the trial courts.

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The Judicial Standards Commission

(Members as of June 30, 1981)

Appointed by the Chief Justice

Court of Appeals Judge Edward B. Clark, Raleigh,
Chairman

Superior Court Judge W. Douglas Albright,
Greensboro

District Court Judge L.T. Hammond, Jr., Asheboro

Appointed by the Governor

Marvin B. Koonce, Jr., Raleigh, *Secretary*

Susan Whittington, Wilkesboro

Appointed by the Council of the N.C. State Bar

Jerome B. Clark, Jr., Fayetteville

Robert G. Sanders, Charlotte, *Vice Chairman*

Deborah R. Carrington, *Executive Secretary*

THE JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

The Judicial Standards Commission was established by the General Assembly pursuant to a constitutional amendment approved by the voters at the general election in November 1972.

Upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may censure or remove any judge for wilful misconduct in office, wilful and persistent failure to perform his duties, habitual intemperance, conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude, or conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice that brings the judicial office into disrepute. In addition, upon recommendation of the Commission, the Supreme Court may remove any judge for mental or physical incapacity interfering with the performance of his duties, which is, or is likely to become, permanent.

Where a recommendation for censure or removal involves a justice of the Supreme Court, the recommendation and supporting record is filed with the Court of Appeals which has and proceeds under the same authority for censure or removal of a judge. Such a proceeding would be heard by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and the six judges senior in service, excluding the Court of Appeals judge who by law serves as the Chairman of the Judicial Standards Commission.

In addition to a recommendation of censure or removal, the Commission also utilizes a disciplinary measure known as a reprimand. The reprimand is a mechanism administratively developed for dealing with inquires where the conduct involved does not warrant censure or removal, but where some action is justified. Since the establishment of the Judicial Standards Com-

mission in 1973, reprimands have been issued in nine inquiries.

During the 1 July 1980 -- 30 June 1981 fiscal year, the Judicial Standards Commission met on the following dates: 29 July 1980, 15 September 1980, 7 November 1980, 6 February 1981, and 8 May 1981.

A complaint or other information against a judge, whether filed with the Commission or initiated by the Commission on its own motion, is designated as an "Inquiry Concerning a Judge." Sixteen such inquiries were pending as of 1 July 1980, and 69 inquiries were filed during the fiscal year, giving the Commission a total workload of 85 inquiries.

During the fiscal year, the Commission disposed of 69 inquiries, and 16 inquiries remained pending at the end of the fiscal year.

The determinations of the Commission regarding the 69 inquiries disposed of during the fiscal year were as follows:

- (1) 57 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter not within the Commission's jurisdiction;
- (2) 5 inquiries were determined to involve subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not warranting further proceedings;
- (3) 3 inquiries were determined to warrant no further action following completion of preliminary investigations;
- (4) 1 inquiry was determined to warrant no further action following completion of a formal hearing;
- (5) 1 inquiry was determined to warrant issuance of a reprimand; and

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- (6) 2 inquiries were determined to warrant a recommendation of removal.

Of the 16 inquiries pending at the end of the fiscal year:

- (1) 7 inquiries were awaiting initial review by the Commission; and
- (2) 9 inquiries were still under investigation or subject to further action by the Commission.

The recommendation of removal referred to above was filed with the Supreme Court of North Carolina on 3 December 1980, and oral arguments were heard on 11 February 1981. In its opinion in *In re Martin*, 302 N.C. 299 (1981), filed on 4 March 1981, the Court accepted the Commission's recommendation and ordered the removal from office of the respondent district judge, Bill J. Martin, thereby disqualifying him from holding further judicial office and making him ineligible to receive retirement benefits.

PART III

COURT RESOURCES

- **Financial**
- **Personnel**

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

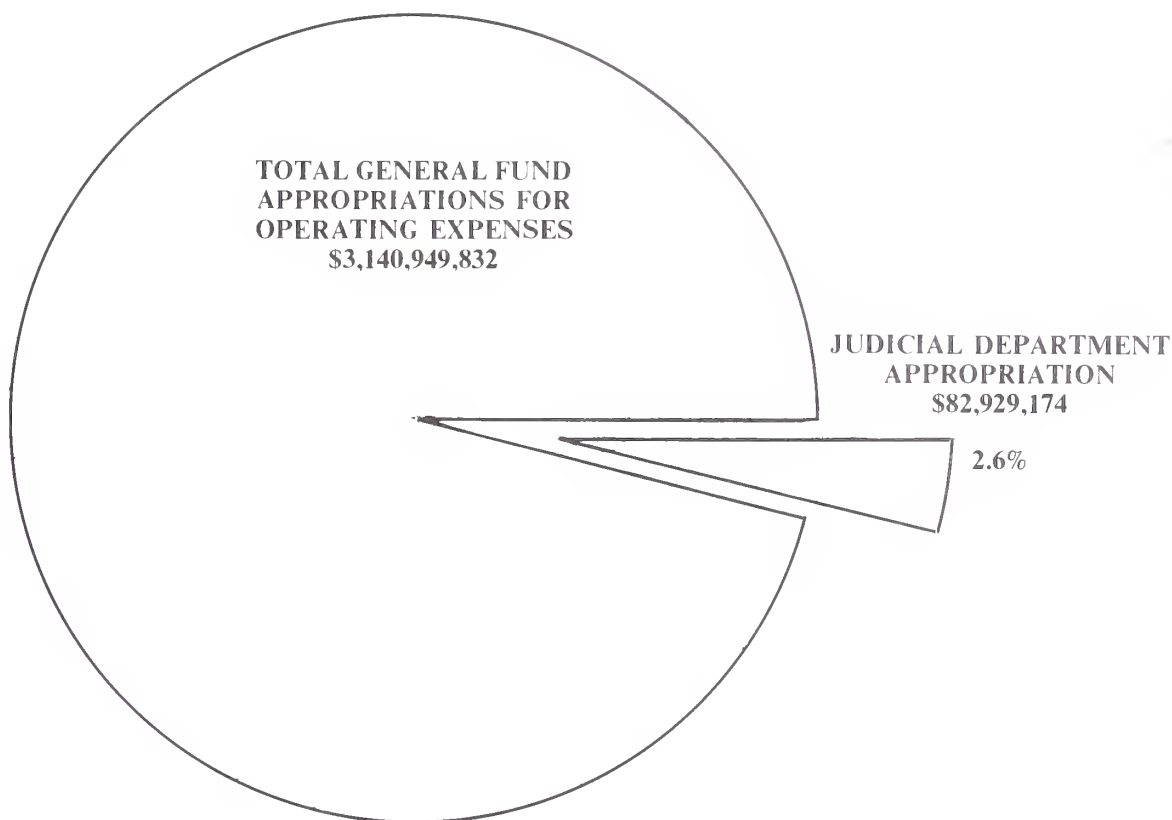
Under the State Constitution the operating expenses of the Judicial Department (all North Carolina courts) "other than compensation to process servers and other locally paid non-judicial officers" are required to be paid from State funds. It is customary legislative practice for the General Assembly to include appropriations for the operating expenses of all three branches of State government in a single budget bill, for a two-year period ending on June 30 of the odd-numbered years. In recent years, the General Assembly has customarily held a "short" session in even-numbered years and the budget for the second year of the biennium is generally modified during these short sessions.

Building facilities for the appellate courts are provided by State funds, but by statute the county governments are required to provide from county funds for

adequate facilities for the trial courts within each of the 100 counties.

State appropriations from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department for fiscal year July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981 totalled \$82,929,174. General Fund appropriations for the *operating expenses* of all State agencies and departments, including the Judicial Department, totalled \$3,140,949,832 for fiscal year, 1980-81. (These do not include appropriations for capital construction or appropriations from the Highway Fund for highway construction and repair.)

As is illustrated in the chart below, General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of the Judicial Department comprised 2.6% of the General Fund appropriations for the operating expenses of *all* State agencies and departments.



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Appropriations from the State's general fund for operating expenses of the Judicial Department over the past five fiscal years are shown in the table below and in the graph at the top of the following page. For comparative purposes, appropriations from the general

fund for operating expenses of all State agencies and departments (including the Judicial Department) for the last five fiscal years are also shown in the table below and in the second graph on the following page.

APPROPRIATIONS FROM GENERAL FUND FOR OPERATING EXPENSES

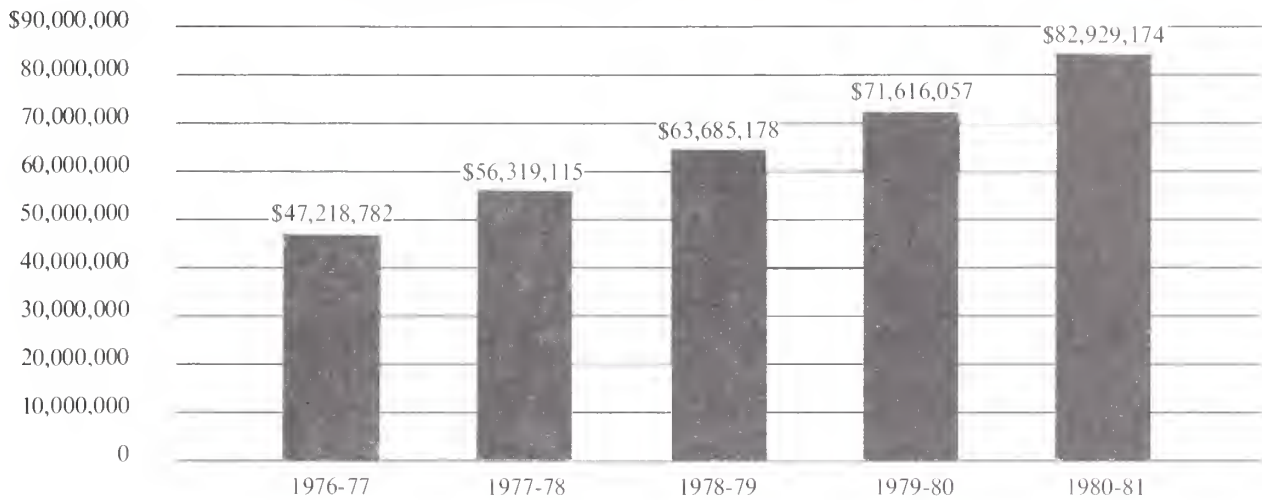
Fiscal Year	Judicial Department		All State Agencies	
	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year	Appropriation	% Increase over previous year
1976-1977	47,218,782	10.05%	1,962,976,606	12.97%
1977-1978	56,319,115	19.27%	2,193,405,714	11.74%
1978-1979	63,685,178	13.08%	2,452,011,095	11.79%
1979-1980	71,616,057	12.45%	2,761,002,481	12.60%
1980-1981	82,929,174	15.80%	3,140,949,832	13.76%
AVERAGE ANNUAL INCREASE, 1976-1981		14.13%		12.57%

During the past decade, including the five-year period covered by the above table, inflation has been a significant factor in the national economy. For example, during 1979-80 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics data, the average person spent for goods and services more than twice the amount required for the same goods and services in 1967.

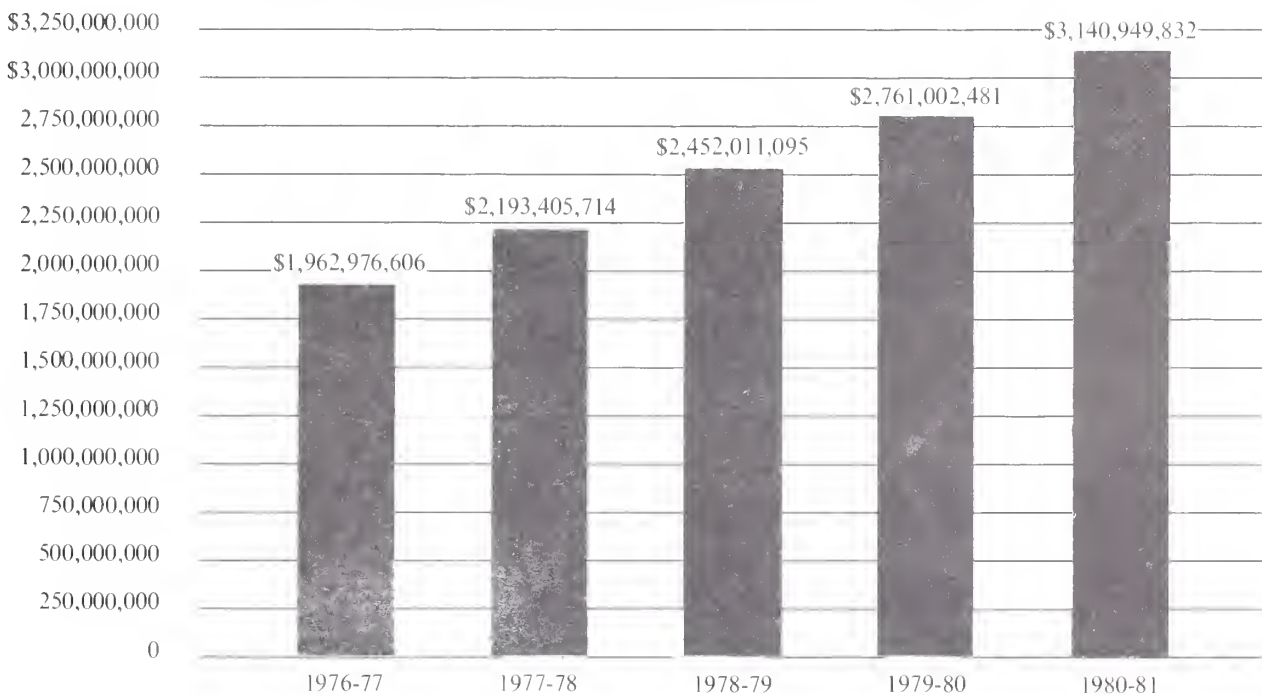
The greatest percentage increase in Judicial Department appropriations during the last five years was for the 1977-78 fiscal year. The increase for that year was due in large measure to a significant increase in the number of superior court judges (20%) and an increase in the number of assistant district attorneys (18%).

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General Fund Appropriations for Operating Expenses Of The Judicial Department, 1976-77 — 1980-81



General Fund Appropriations For Operating Expenses Of All State Agencies And Departments, 1976-77 — 1980-81



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Expenditures, 7/1/80 — 6/30/81

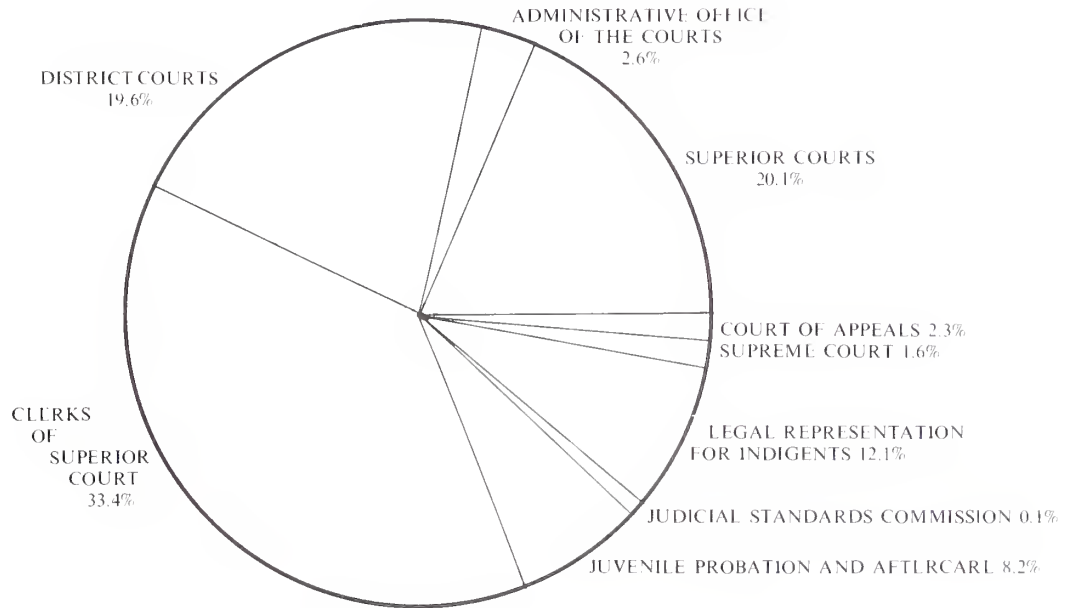
General Fund expenditures, rounded to the nearest dollar, for operating expenses of the Judicial Department during the 1980-81 fiscal year totalled \$81,278,550, divided among the major budget classifi-

cations as shown below. Expenditures for LEAA-funded projects in the Judicial Department totalled \$904,210, for a grand total of \$82,182,760 in expenditures.

	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court	\$ 1,308,014	1.6%
Court of Appeals	1,881,570	2.3%
Superior Courts	16,308,092	20.1%
(This classification includes judges, district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, court reporters, and staff personnel.)		
District Courts	15,953,309	19.6%
(This classification includes judges, magistrates, and court reporters.)		
Clerks of Superior Court	27,140,415	33.4%
(This classification includes all 100 clerks and their staffs, juror fees, witness fees, and such support services as supplies, postage, telephone expenses, and office equipment for all local Judicial Department personnel.)		
Juvenile Probation and Aftercare	6,631,433	8.2%
Legal Representation for Indigents	9,861,919	12.1%
Assigned private counsel (\$7,577,184)		
Public defenders (\$1,757,662)		
Special counsel at mental hospitals (\$138,299)		
Support services (transcripts, records, briefs) (\$388,774)		
Administrative Office of the Courts	2,107,541	2.6%
Judicial Council	1,528	-0-
Judicial Standards Commission	84,729	.1%
Total General Fund Expenditures	\$81,278,550	100.0%
LEAA-Funded Projects	904,210	
 GRAND TOTAL	 \$82,182,760	

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Expenditures, July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981

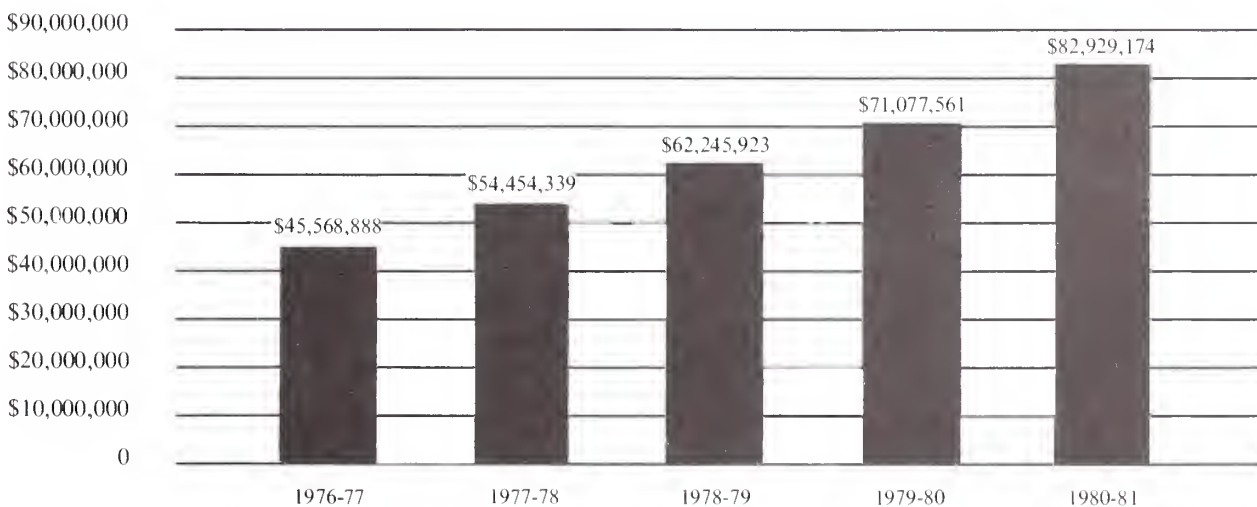


As the chart illustrates, the bulk of Judicial Department expenditures goes for operation of the State's trial courts. Operation of the superior courts took 20.1% of total expenditures; this category includes expenditures for district attorneys and their staffs as well as superior court judges and court reporters. Operation of the district courts (including magistrates, judges and court reporters) took 19.6% of the total. An additional 33.4% went to operate the offices for the 100 clerks of superior

or court, to pay jurors' and witnesses' fees and to provide office equipment and supplies and postage and telephone service for all judicial Department personnel at the local level.

The total General Fund expenditures of \$82,182,760 for 1980-81 represents a 15.8% increase over expenditures of \$71,616,057 in 1979-80, an increase in keeping with the trend in recent years, as illustrated in the chart below.

General Fund Expenditures For The Judicial Department Fiscal Years 1976-77 — 1980-81



JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Department Receipts July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981

Receipts for the Judicial Department in the 1980-81 fiscal year totalled \$51,913,089.25. The several sources of these receipts are shown in the table below. As in the previous years, the major source of receipts is the assessment of "court costs" in superior and district courts, paid by litigants in accordance with the schedule of costs and fees set out in G.S. 7A-304 *et seq.*:

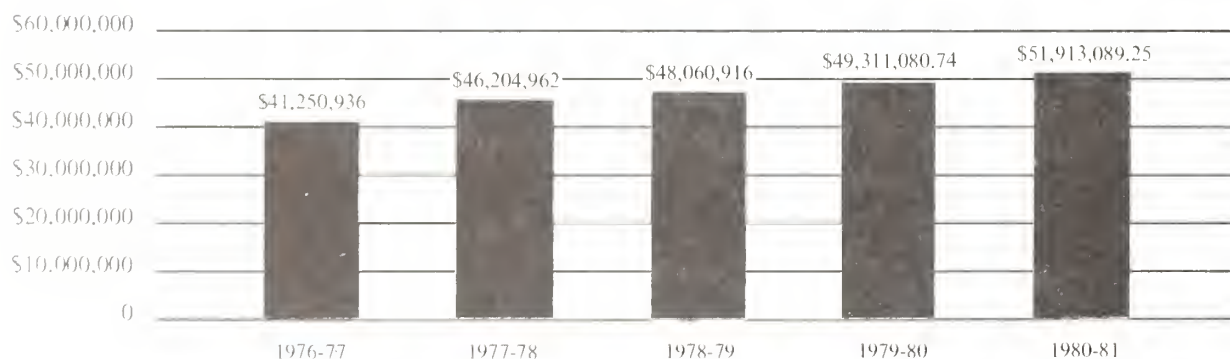
these payments constituted 59.38% of the total receipts during 1980-81. Fines and forfeitures made up 38.53% of the total. Receipts in the remaining categories — Supreme Court and Court of Appeals filing fees, sales of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals *Reports* and payments on indigent representation judgments — made up less than three percent of the total.

Source of Receipts	Amount	% of Total
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 19,018.59	.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	28,194.90	.05%
Superior and District Court Costs	30,827,667.90	59.38%
Fines and Forfeitures	20,002,132.47	38.53%
Sales of Appellate Division <i>Reports</i>	171,148.57	.33%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	864,926.82	1.67%
Total	\$51,913,089.25	100.00%

This total of \$51,913,089.25 is an increase of 5.28% over total 1980-81 receipts of \$49,311,080.74. The

graph below illustrates increases in recent years in total Judicial Department receipts.

Judicial Department Receipts, 1976-77 — 1980-81



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Distribution Of Judicial Department Receipts

As required by the State Constitution, fines, penalties and forfeitures collected by the courts in criminal cases are distributed to the respective counties in which the cases are tried. These funds must be used by the counties for the support of the public schools.

A uniform schedule of court costs for civil and criminal cases, comprised of a variety of fees, is set by statute for cases filed in the superior and district courts. Statutes prescribe the distribution of these fees and provide that certain fees shall be devoted to specific uses. For example, a facilities fee is included in court costs when costs are assessed, and this fee is paid over to the respective county or municipality which provided the facility used in the case. These fees must be utilized by the counties and municipalities to provide and maintain courtrooms and related judicial facilities.

Officer Fees (for arrest or service of process) are included, where applicable, in the costs of each case filed in the trial courts. If a municipal officer performed these services in a case, the fee is paid over to the respective municipality. Otherwise, all officer fees are paid to the respective counties in which the cases are filed.

A jail fee is included in the costs of each case where applicable; and these fees are distributed to the respective county or municipality whose facilities were used. Most jail facilities in the State are provided by the counties.

A fee for the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund is included as a part of court costs when costs are assessed in a criminal case. As required by statute, the Judicial Department remits these fees to the State Treasurer, for deposit in the Law Enforcement Officers Benefit, and Retirement Fund.

Except as indicated, all superior and district court costs collected by the Judicial Department are paid into the State's General Fund.

When private counsel or a public defender is assigned to represent an indigent defendant in a criminal case the trial judge sets the money value for the services rendered. If the defendant is convicted, a judgment lien is entered against him for such amount. Collections on these judgments are paid into the State's General Fund, as are appellate court fees and proceeds from the sales of appellate division reports.

	Amount	% of Total
Remitted to State Treasurer		
Supreme Court Fees	\$ 19,018.59	.04%
Court of Appeals Fees	28,194.90	.05%
Sales of Appellate Division Reports	171,148.57	.33%
Payments on Indigent Representation Judgments	864,926.82	1.67%
Law Enforcement Officers Benefit and Retirement Fund Fees	2,494,893.82	4.81%
Other Superior and District Court Fees	21,212,615.76	40.86%
Total to State Treasurer	24,790,798.46	47.76%
Distributed to Counties		
Fines and Forfeitures	20,002,132.47	38.53%
Judicial Facilities Fees	3,879,236.00	7.47%
Officer Fees	1,795,905.59	3.46%
Jail Fees	515,445.80	.99%
Total to Counties	26,192,719.86	50.45%
Distributed to Municipalities		
Judicial Facilities Fees	192,425.50	.37%
Officer Fees	724,557.93	1.40%
Jail Fees	12,587.50	.02%
Total to Municipalities	929,570.93	1.79%
GRAND TOTAL	\$51,913,089.25	100.00%

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Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities*

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Alamance	\$ 66,110.00	\$ 32,901.00	\$ 11,567.00	\$ 344,610.38	\$ -0-	\$ 12,485.00	\$ -0-	\$ 467,673.38
Alexander	9,448.50	4,679.00	2,470.00	59,966.25	-0-	90.00	-0-	76,653.75
Alleghany	4,824.00	1,665.00	1,649.00	22,481.38	-0-	374.00	-0-	30,993.38
Anson	18,971.00	8,900.00	1,804.00	77,382.00	-0-	723.00	-0-	107,780.00
Ashe	9,293.00	7,803.00	1,420.00	55,508.00	-0-	36.00	-0-	74,060.00
Avery	7,908.00	6,087.00	715.00	60,883.99	-0-	140.00	-0-	75,733.99
Beaufort	31,332.00	22,561.01	6,949.00	176,150.48	-0-	4,592.24	-0-	241,584.73
Bertie	13,295.14	12,412.70	2,305.00	52,240.48	-0-	344.00	-0-	80,597.32
Bladen	28,561.00	23,676.73	2,264.00	149,340.35	3,144.00	704.00	-0-	207,690.08
Brunswick	20,837.00	11,049.00	4,450.50	127,269.71	1,701.00	513.00	-0-	165,820.21
Buncombe	102,714.20	59,662.00	9,074.00	553,412.26	-0-	17,438.00	-0-	742,300.46
Burke	45,293.00	17,775.00	1,551.00	208,947.42	-0-	4,096.00	-0-	277,662.42
Cabarrus	67,534.24	47,508.47	9,291.13	310,413.21	-0-	4,778.00	-0-	439,525.05
Caldwell	39,374.00	13,003.00	4,160.00	188,475.18	-0-	3,608.00	-0-	248,620.18
Camden	3,951.00	2,736.00	680.00	25,395.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	32,762.00
Carteret	34,953.85	18,440.50	2,772.00	232,634.65	-0-	5,244.00	-0-	294,045.00
Caswell	11,085.50	8,502.00	1,556.00	49,987.20	-0-	-0-	-0-	71,130.70
Catawba	30,668.00	19,652.00	6,842.00	310,819.61	39,483.00	12,911.00	2,675.00	423,050.61
Chatham	12,512.00	13,807.00	1,256.00	72,654.00	5,498.00	608.00	300.00	106,635.00
Cherokee	9,587.00	5,565.00	1,705.00	70,483.60	-0-	442.00	70.00	87,852.60
Chowan	10,183.00	6,894.00	1,383.97	47,727.50	-0-	1,794.00	-0-	67,982.47
Clay	2,489.00	1,809.00	480.00	13,492.67	-0-	-0-	-0-	18,270.67
Cleveland	46,036.00	16,929.20	9,681.00	204,873.82	-0-	5,209.00	10.00	282,739.02
Columbus	38,734.00	33,847.00	8,620.00	208,585.09	2,472.00	1,928.00	315.00	294,501.09
Craven	59,656.00	20,422.00	9,830.00	345,538.98	-0-	10,014.00	-0-	445,460.98
Cumberland	186,879.81	60,979.42	31,767.67	1,028,655.07	-0-	37,508.00	-0-	1,345,789.97
Currituck	11,382.00	9,502.17	1,225.00	72,231.81	-0-	-0-	-0-	95,340.98
Dare	17,270.00	9,230.36	1,993.00	173,595.00	-0-	1,914.00	-0-	204,002.36
Davidson	49,033.32	26,142.60	7,462.38	248,957.31	5,631.00	3,066.00	-0-	340,292.62
Davie	16,482.00	10,756.00	1,575.00	67,351.25	-0-	567.00	-0-	96,731.25
Duplin	29,817.00	13,015.00	2,119.00	183,726.02	-0-	728.00	495.00	229,900.02
Durham	118,336.09	41,733.00	4,508.00	363,881.80	-0-	26,016.00	-0-	554,474.89
Edgecombe	28,630.00	35,877.50	8,039.00	132,682.33	14,360.00	4,989.00	773.00	225,350.83
Forsyth	191,258.00	28,013.00	18,981.90	610,291.65	2,779.00	53,342.00	-0-	904,665.55
Franklin	19,422.00	9,115.00	2,187.00	110,943.52	-0-	336.00	25.00	142,028.52
Gaston	86,626.00	58,076.86	14,737.02	410,815.68	-0-	9,872.00	-0-	580,127.56
Gates	6,220.00	4,411.00	780.00	40,253.91	-0-	-0-	-0-	51,664.91
Graham	3,077.00	1,994.00	989.00	25,275.00	-0-	58.00	-0-	31,393.00
Granville	26,323.00	11,895.00	3,506.00	141,223.73	-0-	1,656.00	220.00	184,823.73
Greene	9,755.00	6,511.00	1,807.00	66,732.54	-0-	-0-	-0-	84,805.54
Guilford	228,971.00	37,245.00	22,278.00	726,953.34	-0-	61,373.00	-0-	1,076,820.34
Halifax	40,279.00	32,787.20	10,796.00	300,888.86	6,588.00	5,480.00	445.00	397,264.06
Harnett	30,291.00	15,522.00	3,411.00	183,127.55	7,485.00	2,690.00	753.00	243,279.55
Haywood	23,488.00	16,767.00	460.00	191,749.84	2,975.00	2,292.00	-0-	237,731.84
Henderson	33,710.00	15,379.00	7,455.00	218,738.54	-0-	3,602.00	-0-	278,884.54
Hertford	20,411.00	13,426.56	3,975.00	87,433.93	-0-	1,602.00	-0-	126,848.49
Hoke	13,258.00	6,436.00	5,347.00	98,397.50	-0-	830.00	-0-	124,268.50
Hyde	2,840.00	1,969.00	95.00	26,262.56	-0-	-0-	-0-	31,166.56
Iredell	44,834.00	21,616.00	3,152.45	239,824.81	11,853.00	6,090.43	336.00	327,706.69
Jackson	13,090.00	9,407.60	2,505.00	100,744.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	125,746.60

*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

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Amounts Of Fees, Fines And Forfeitures Collected By The Courts And Distributed To Counties And Municipalities*

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Distributed to Counties				Distributed to Municipalities			Total
	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	Fines and Forfeitures	Facility Fees	Officer Fees	Jail Fees	
Johnston	\$ 44,585.50	\$ 28,017.90	\$ 8,516.90	\$ 271,419.00	\$ 8,301.00	\$ 5,518.00	\$ 672.00	\$ 367,030.30
Jones	7,562.00	4,353.00	667.00	38,589.60	-0-	326.00	-0-	51,497.60
Lee	27,052.31	14,681.15	7,911.00	98,498.02	-0-	4,788.00	-0-	152,930.48
Lenoir	42,840.00	14,307.00	7,056.00	202,744.93	1,242.00	5,246.00	-0-	273,435.93
Lincoln	22,320.00	16,266.00	1,185.00	81,223.93	-0-	523.00	-0-	121,517.93
Macon	11,132.00	8,133.87	743.00	91,920.44	-0-	288.00	-0-	112,217.31
Madison	4,892.00	3,683.00	207.00	26,729.00	-0-	20.00	-0-	35,531.00
Martin	18,845.00	13,940.00	650.00	96,492.73	-0-	1,060.00	-0-	130,987.73
McDowell	24,070.00	15,775.00	2,425.00	137,843.70	-0-	820.00	-0-	180,933.70
Mecklenburg	299,982.05	33,818.00	85.00	1,101,182.19	-0-	184,329.50	-0-	1,619,396.74
Mitchell	4,799.00	3,305.00	585.00	21,217.00	-0-	370.00	-0-	30,276.00
Montgomery	23,530.00	20,018.35	2,872.00	79,881.70	-0-	214.00	-0-	126,516.05
Moore	32,074.00	22,442.00	1,684.00	154,889.00	2,973.00	3,002.00	300.00	217,364.00
Nash	35,350.00	37,042.17	7,323.58	261,575.37	19,366.00	6,531.00	1,192.00	368,380.12
New Hanover	87,445.75	20,793.00	15,675.20	515,304.03	-0-	17,000.00	460.00	656,677.98
Northampton	19,375.00	14,864.00	2,915.00	113,207.45	-0-	824.00	-0-	151,185.45
Onslow	78,426.16	47,622.00	30,939.70	583,977.64	-0-	10,647.00	-0-	751,612.50
Orange	31,465.00	18,353.00	3,588.00	191,400.84	9,098.00	7,070.00	362.00	261,336.84
Pamlico	5,248.00	3,890.00	1,345.00	35,020.00	-0-	14.00	35.00	45,552.00
Pasquotank	19,127.00	6,516.00	2,614.00	130,463.09	-0-	4,741.00	-0-	163,461.09
Pender	15,503.00	9,161.00	3,212.00	101,903.50	-0-	742.00	-0-	130,521.50
Perquimans	6,149.00	3,551.00	715.00	41,629.65	-0-	975.00	-0-	53,019.65
Person	17,110.95	7,169.55	2,675.00	102,035.57	379.00	1,154.92	-0-	130,524.99
Pitt	57,085.00	20,103.00	6,234.00	307,566.23	4,827.00	10,478.00	810.00	407,103.23
Polk	7,260.00	5,182.00	1,826.00	89,877.50	-0-	212.00	-0-	104,357.50
Randolph	44,953.00	39,183.93	2,596.00	203,780.05	1,290.00	3,745.00	-0-	295,547.98
Richmond	25,716.00	11,753.00	3,364.00	104,013.95	-0-	1,112.00	-0-	145,958.95
Robeson	67,122.82	35,793.00	13,305.10	497,542.59	20,824.00	11,027.80	1,032.50	646,647.81
Rockingham	44,127.60	25,728.00	7,493.00	277,019.68	14,753.50	9,218.00	727.00	379,066.78
Rowan	59,216.00	41,623.90	7,291.00	262,414.69	-0-	8,556.00	-0-	379,101.59
Rutherford	23,469.00	14,060.00	6,997.00	135,204.10	-0-	2,072.00	-0-	181,802.10
Sampson	49,297.00	37,191.00	5,137.00	238,220.65	-0-	1,154.00	-0-	330,999.65
Scotland	25,245.00	15,804.00	4,685.00	112,343.67	-0-	3,146.00	-0-	161,223.67
Stanly	29,722.00	8,300.00	4,365.80	150,431.70	-0-	3,515.00	-0-	196,334.50
Stokes	17,000.00	9,204.56	1,651.00	93,062.25	-0-	144.00	-0-	121,061.81
Surry	41,373.00	33,636.02	4,957.00	198,113.81	543.00	4,367.00	385.00	283,374.83
Swain	5,572.50	2,803.00	1,235.00	38,510.50	-0-	294.00	-0-	48,415.00
Transylvania	12,880.00	11,259.40	4,617.00	69,051.50	-0-	1,428.00	-0-	99,235.90
Tyrrell	2,713.00	1,915.00	195.00	12,742.06	-0-	-0-	-0-	17,565.06
Union	36,405.00	25,876.00	9,647.00	172,384.74	-0-	4,100.00	-0-	248,412.74
Vance	31,384.00	12,830.00	3,226.00	159,111.09	-0-	1,998.00	-0-	208,549.09
Wake	233,111.50	50,229.43	26,804.07	1,236,882.31	3,456.00	68,661.04	195.00	1,619,339.35
Warren	13,510.00	8,895.00	2,096.00	86,043.59	-0-	278.00	-0-	110,822.59
Washington	8,894.00	6,324.00	1,065.00	38,908.00	-0-	386.00	-0-	55,577.00
Watauga	14,671.00	8,808.00	2,813.00	113,974.19	-0-	2,080.00	-0-	142,346.19
Wayne	62,839.90	18,806.00	4,152.00	626,655.19	1,404.00	8,463.00	-0-	722,320.09
Wilkes	42,001.71	19,385.00	7,180.43	188,000.84	-0-	656.00	-0-	257,223.98
Wilson	42,730.60	29,924.48	5,647.00	147,035.75	-0-	8,577.00	-0-	233,914.83
Yadkin	19,653.00	13,077.00	4,295.00	114,326.75	-0-	408.00	-0-	151,759.70
Yancey	5,366.00	4,415.00	1,355.00	28,756.00	-0-	196.00	-0-	40,088.00
State Totals	\$3,879,236.00	\$1,795,905.59	\$515,445.80	\$20,002,132.47	\$192,425.50	\$724,557.93	\$12,587.50	\$27,122,290.79

*Facility and jail fees are distributed to the respective counties and municipalities which furnished the facilities. If the officer who made the arrest or served the process was employed by a municipality, the officer fee is distributed to the municipality; otherwise all officer fees are distributed to the respective counties. By provision of the State Constitution, fines and forfeitures collected by the courts within a county are distributed to that county for support of the public schools.

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Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents

July 1, 1980 - June 30, 1981

The State provides legal counsel for indigent persons in a variety of actions and proceedings, as specified in the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 7A-450 *et seq.* These include criminal proceedings, judicial hospitalization proceedings, juvenile proceedings which may result in commitment to an institution or transfer to superior court for trial as an adult. Legal representation for indigents may be by assignment of private counsel, by assignment of special public counsel (involving mental hospital commitments), or by assignment of a public defender.

Six of North Carolina's judicial districts have an office of public defender: District 3, 12, 18, 26, 27A, and 28. The other districts utilize only assignments of private counsel. Private counsel may also be assigned in the districts which have a public defender in the event of a conflict of interests involving the public defender's office and the indigent and in the event of unusual circumstances when, in the opinion of the court, the proper administration of justice requires the assignment of private counsel rather than the public defender in those cases.

In addition, the State provides a full-time special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to

represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings before a district court judge. Under North Carolina law, each patient committed to a mental hospital is entitled to a judicial hearing (before a district court judge) within 90 days after the initial commitment, a further hearing within 180 days after the initial commitment, and thereafter a hearing once each year during the continuance of an involuntary commitment.

Finally, the State provides a guardian *ad litem* for children alleged in juvenile petitions to be neglected or abused. By statute the guardian *ad litem* is a licensed attorney and is compensated for his services in the same way as compensation is provided for representation of an indigent person.

The cost of the entire program of indigent representation, rounded to the nearest dollar, was \$9,861,919 in the 1980-81 fiscal year, compared to \$7,861,724 in the 1979-80 fiscal year, an increase of 25.4 percent. The total amount expended for representation of indigents was 12.1% of total Judicial Department expenditures in the 1980-81 fiscal year.

Following is a summary of case and cost data for representation of indigents, for the fiscal year, July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981.

	Number of Cases	Total Cost	Average Per Case
Assigned Private Counsel			
Adult cases (other than capital)	33,009	\$5,933,997	\$ 179.77
Capital cases	341	623,425	1,828.23
Juvenile cases	5,426	446,411	82.27
Guardian <i>ad litem</i> for juveniles	3,752	504,977	134.59
Appellate defender project	160	68,374	427.34
Totals	42,688	\$7,577,184	\$ 177.50
Public Defender Offices			
*District 3	451	\$ 120,714	\$ 267.66
District 12	2,360	358,853	152.06
District 18	2,959	439,266	148.45
District 26	5,364	455,444	84.91
District 27A	1,754	211,048	120.32
District 28	1,559	172,337	110.54
Totals	14,447	\$1,757,662	\$ 121.66
*District 3 office began operation 1/1/81			
Special counsel at mental hospitals		\$ 138,299	
Transcripts, records and briefs		369,937	
Medical examinations		3,888	
Expert witness fees		14,949	
GRAND TOTAL		\$9,861,919	

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Special Counsel at Mental Hospitals

The total cost of providing special counsel at each of the State's four mental hospitals, to represent patients in commitment or recommitment hearings, was \$138,299 for the 1980-81 fiscal year. There were a total of 10,627 hearings held during the year, for an average cost per hearing of \$13.01.

The following presents data on the hearings held at each of the mental hospitals in 1980-81. The total number of hearings held in 1980-81 represents a decrease of .7% compared to the 10,707 hearings held in 1979-80.

	Broughton	Cherry	Dorothea Dix	John Umstead	Totals
Initial Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	889	1,022	417	948	3,276
Commitment to outpatient clinic	312	124	12	86	534
Discharge	2,195	1,357	540	823	4,915
Totals	3,396	2,503	969	1,857	8,725
First Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	91	120	86	313	610
Commitment to outpatient clinic	17	3	0	7	27
Discharge	82	46	23	79	230
Totals	190	169	109	399	867
Second or Subsequent Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	111	282	262	223	878
Commitment to outpatient clinic	1	0	1	10	12
Discharge	18	20	11	13	62
Totals	130	302	274	246	952
Modification of Prior Order Hearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	3	10	3	33	49
Commitment to outpatient clinic	16	1	0	0	17
Discharge	6	6	1	4	17
Totals	25	17	4	37	83
Total Hearings or Rehearings resulting in:					
Commitment to hospital	1,094	1,434	768	1,517	4,813
Commitment to outpatient clinic	346	128	13	103	590
Discharge	2,301	1,429	575	919	5,224
Grand Totals	3,741	2,991	1,356	2,539	10,627

The table which begins on the following page compares the number of assigned private counsel cases and expenditures in each county and judicial district for fiscal years 1979-80 and 1980-81. Again, there was a substantial increase in the number of cases for the State as a whole, from 34,734 cases in 1979-80 to 42,528 cases in 1980-81, an increase of 22.4 percent. Expenditures increased by 25.4 percent, from \$5,989,716 in 1979-80 to \$7,508,808 in 1980-81.

The largest district increase in the number of cases occurred in District 7, which had a total of 1,355 cases in 1979-80 as compared to 1,983 cases in 1980-81, an increase of 46.3 percent.

The largest district increase in the amount of expenditures for assigned private counsel cases occurred in District 26, which had expenditures of \$157,983 in 1979-80 compared with \$338,119 in 1980-81, an increase of 114 percent.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease	1979-80	1980-81	
<i>District 1</i>						
Camden	17	19	11.8	\$ 4,822	\$ 3,239	(32.8)
Chowan	91	114	25.3	17,078	21,696	27.0
Currituck	48	77	60.4	9,035	14,614	61.7
Dare	60	90	50.0	14,064	19,356	37.6
Gates	22	24	9.1	5,919	4,127	(30.3)
Pasquotank	184	312	69.6	33,162	48,852	47.3
Perquimans	64	64	-	12,469	13,672	9.6
District Totals	486	700	44.0	\$ 96,549	\$ 125,556	30.0
<i>District 2</i>						
Beaufort	221	278	25.8	\$ 40,050	\$ 49,226	22.9
Hyde	25	26	4.0	5,754	4,599	(20.1)
Martin	155	166	7.1	23,502	25,812	9.8
Tyrrell	31	14	(54.8)	7,954	1,935	(75.7)
Washington	98	106	8.2	13,138	15,200	15.7
District Totals	530	590	11.3	\$ 90,398	\$ 96,771	7.1
<i>District 3</i>						
Carteret	284	261	(8.1)	\$ 61,708	\$ 52,110	(15.6)
Craven	418	396	(5.3)	90,738	96,092	5.9
Pamlico	50	38	(24.0)	11,975	7,769	(35.1)
Pitt	888	671	(24.4)	190,721	130,689	(31.5)
District Totals	1,640	1,366	(16.7)	\$ 355,142	\$ 286,660	(19.3)
<i>District 4</i>						
Duplin	299	294	(1.7)	\$ 80,303	\$ 55,596	(30.8)
Jones	64	57	(10.9)	14,826	9,822	(33.8)
Onslow	677	701	3.5	145,078	166,940	15.1
Sampson	390	364	(6.7)	77,460	72,847	(6.0)
District Totals	1,430	1,416	(1.0)	\$ 317,667	\$ 305,205	(4.0)
<i>District 5</i>						
New Hanover	590	890	50.8	\$ 145,205	\$ 248,981	71.5
Pender	89	96	7.9	14,626	18,959	29.6
District Totals	679	986	45.2	\$ 159,831	\$ 267,940	67.6
<i>District 6</i>						
Bertie	161	202	25.5	\$ 22,487	\$ 29,728	32.2
Halifax	420	514	22.4	67,863	80,185	18.2
Hertford	197	208	5.6	25,073	28,189	12.4
Northampton	108	156	44.4	13,563	19,895	46.7
District Totals	886	1,080	21.9	\$ 128,986	\$ 157,997	22.5
<i>District 7</i>						
Edgecombe	427	638	49.4	\$ 64,836	\$ 131,319	102.5
Nash	430	558	29.8	69,296	108,874	57.1
Wilson	498	787	58.0	85,368	167,624	96.4
District Totals	1,355	1,983	46.3	\$ 219,500	\$ 407,817	85.8

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT FINANCES

Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases			Expenditures		
	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease	1979-80	1980-81	% Increase or Decrease
<i>District 8</i>						
Greene	98	97	(1.0)	\$ 15,709	\$ 16,933	7.8
Lenoir	767	833	8.6	89,193	113,948	27.8
Wayne	864	971	12.4	339,916	210,139	(38.2)
District Totals	1,629	1,901	9.9	\$ 444,818	\$ 341,020	(23.3)
<i>District 9</i>						
Franklin	164	189	15.2	\$ 28,641	\$ 40,311	40.7
Granville	267	319	19.5	42,960	48,324	12.5
Person	164	228	39.0	25,490	38,820	52.3
Vance	260	329	26.5	41,674	59,654	43.1
Warren	78	117	50.0	18,435	19,051	3.3
District Totals	933	1,182	26.7	\$ 157,200	\$ 206,160	31.1
<i>District 10</i>						
Wake	1,851	2,295	24.0	\$ 314,816	\$ 389,008	23.6
<i>District 11</i>						
Harnett	296	410	38.5	\$ 41,975	\$ 69,421	65.4
Johnston	609	720	18.2	75,798	79,750	5.2
Lee	264	325	23.1	34,019	44,713	31.4
District Totals	1,169	1,455	24.5	\$ 151,792	\$ 193,884	27.7
<i>District 12</i>						
Cumberland	224	292	30.4	\$ 65,633	\$ 107,609	64.0
Hoke	16	29	81.3	2,275	5,169	127.2
District Totals	240	321	33.8	\$ 67,908	\$ 112,778	66.1
<i>District 13</i>						
Bladen	284	413	42.9	\$ 34,371	\$ 54,164	57.6
Brunswick	192	362	88.5	24,636	45,349	84.1
Columbus	508	626	23.2	61,093	76,360	25.0
District Totals	989	1,401	41.7	\$ 120,100	\$ 175,873	46.4
<i>District 14</i>						
Durham	1,967	2,359	19.9	\$ 278,449	\$ 372,366	33.7
<i>District 15A</i>						
Alamance	782	822	5.1	\$ 118,354	\$ 127,540	7.8
<i>District 15B</i>						
Chatham	133	175	31.6	\$ 30,321	\$ 37,949	25.2
Orange	516	674	30.6	89,180	120,308	34.9
District Totals	649	849	30.8	\$ 119,501	\$ 158,257	32.4

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1979-80	1980-81		1979-80	1980-81	
<i>District 16</i>						
Robeson	963	1,134	17.8	\$ 147,544	\$ 157,998	7.1
Scotland	373	461	23.6	52,754	63,456	20.3
District Totals	1,336	1,595	19.4	\$ 200,298	\$ 221,454	10.6
<i>District 17</i>						
Caswell	176	188	13.6	\$ 26,833	\$ 37,864	41.1
Rockingham	680	742	6.8	97,879	116,879	19.4
Stokes	100	148	48.0	18,441	29,786	61.5
Surry	447	595	33.1	78,690	93,121	18.3
District Totals	1,403	1,673	19.2	\$ 221,843	\$ 277,650	25.2
<i>District 18</i>						
Guilford	599	748	24.9	\$ 203,227	\$ 411,534	102.5
<i>District 19A</i>						
Cabarrus	547	710	29.8	\$ 130,049	\$ 130,626	.4
Rowan	1,013	1,129	11.5	137,009	157,637	15.1
District Totals	1,560	1,839	17.9	\$ 267,058	\$ 288,263	7.9
<i>District 19B</i>						
Montgomery	219	218	(.5)	\$ 37,759	\$ 43,094	14.1
Randolph	389	514	32.1	63,203	101,085	59.9
District Totals	608	732	20.4	\$ 100,962	\$ 144,179	42.8
<i>District 20</i>						
Anson	204	214	4.9	\$ 34,835	\$ 36,491	4.8
Moore	427	579	35.6	53,787	72,179	34.2
Richmond	481	525	9.1	82,503	79,465	(3.7)
Stanly	334	464	38.9	46,827	82,977	77.2
Union	435	589	35.4	66,825	105,857	58.4
District Totals	1,881	2,371	26.0	\$ 284,777	\$ 376,969	32.4
<i>District 21</i>						
Forsyth	2,714	2,954	8.8	\$ 360,829	\$ 409,994	13.6
<i>District 22</i>						
Alexander	176	173	(1.7)	\$ 24,070	\$ 26,862	11.6
Davidson	515	732	42.1	77,195	123,185	59.6
Davie	162	176	8.6	25,672	21,591	(15.9)
Iredell	520	581	11.7	74,268	92,095	24.0
District Totals	1,373	1,662	21.0	\$ 201,205	\$ 263,733	31.1
<i>District 23</i>						
Alleghany	47	43	(8.5)	\$ 5,850	\$ 6,297	7.6
Ashe	106	132	24.5	13,684	16,685	21.9
Wilkes	312	372	19.2	38,632	46,742	21.0
Yadkin	141	183	29.8	15,519	19,561	26.0
District Totals	606	730	20.5	\$ 73,685	\$ 89,285	21.2

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Assigned Counsel — Numbers of Cases and Expenditures Fiscal Years 1979-80 and 1980-81

	Number of Cases		% Increase or Decrease	Expenditures		% Increase or Decrease
	1979-80	1980-81		1979-80	1980-81	
<i><u>District 24</u></i>						
Avery	126	135	7.1	\$ 18,774	\$ 23,282	24.0
Madison	96	113	17.7	16,420	17,789	8.3
Mitchell	65	86	32.3	8,168	21,216	159.8
Watauga	177	190	7.3	34,779	33,722	(3.0)
Yancey	25	83	232.0	3,087	12,288	298.1
District Totals	489	607	24.1	\$ 81,228	\$ 108,297	33.3
<i><u>District 25</u></i>						
Burke	426	627	47.2	\$ 65,279	\$ 103,297	58.2
Caldwell	471	640	35.9	67,449	88,371	31.0
Catawba	809	971	20.0	131,964	154,977	17.4
District Totals	1,706	2,238	31.2	264,692	346,645	31.0
<i><u>District 26</u></i>						
Mecklenburg	622	1,503	141.6	\$ 157,983	\$ 338,119	114.0
<i><u>District 27A</u></i>						
Gaston	122	122	-	\$ 31,547	\$ 22,140	(29.8)
<i><u>District 27B</u></i>						
Cleveland	320	491	53.4	\$ 76,508	\$105,808	38.3
Lincoln	237	232	(2.1)	36,534	45,504	24.6
District Totals	557	723	29.8	\$ 113,042	\$ 151,312	33.9
<i><u>District 28</u></i>						
Buncombe	150	391	160.7	\$ 23,968	\$ 45,553	90.1
<i><u>District 29</u></i>						
Henderson	326	341	4.6	\$ 50,656	\$ 47,729	(5.8)
McDowell	261	295	13.0	63,061	42,201	(33.1)
Polk	71	61	(14.1)	10,817	14,961	38.3
Rutherford	284	308	8.5	39,983	44,380	11.0
Transylvania	112	92	(17.9)	23,702	17,445	(26.4)
District Totals	1,054	1,097	4.1	\$ 188,219	\$ 166,716	(11.4)
<i><u>District 30</u></i>						
Cherokee	103	126	22.3	\$ 12,771	\$ 20,036	56.9
Clay	29	32	10.3	4,557	7,616	67.1
Graham	22	38	72.7	2,523	4,580	81.5
Haywood	260	311	19.6	28,950	53,749	85.7
Jackson	85	123	44.7	9,124	14,247	56.2
Macon	108	151	39.8	11,319	16,024	41.6
Swain	32	56	75.0	4,898	5,881	20.1
District Totals	639	837	31.0	\$ 74,142	\$ 122,133	64.7
State Totals	34,734	42,528	22.4	\$5,989,716	\$7,508,808	25.4

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
(Positions and salaries authorized as of June 30, 1981)

Positions Authorized		Salary ranges
SUPREME COURT		
7	Justices	\$54,288-\$55,440
23	Staff personnel (Clerk's and Reporter's offices, law clerks, library staff)	\$ 9,612-\$37,860
7	Secretarial personnel	\$14,868-\$15,540
COURT OF APPEALS		
12	Judges	\$51,396-\$52,560
29	Staff personnel (Clerk's office, prehearing staff, Judicial Standards Commission staff, law clerks)	\$ 8,076-\$31,284
18	Secretarial personnel	\$14,196-\$14,868
SUPERIOR COURT		
67	Judges	\$45,636-\$47,136
68	Staff personnel	\$14,196-\$23,556
36	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$14,196
DISTRICT COURT		
136	Judges	\$36,960-\$38,412
603	Magistrates	\$ 9,456-\$14,640
34	Staff personnel	\$10,020-\$14,196
6	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$12,468
DISTRICT ATTORNEYS		
33	District Attorneys	\$42,456
260	Staff personnel	\$13,000-\$39,036
67	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$14,196
CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT		
100	Clerks of Superior Court	\$15,024-\$35,808
1367	Staff personnel	\$ 7,764-\$22,428
7	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$13,572
INDIGENT REPRESENTATION		
6	Public Defenders	\$42,456
54	Staff personnel	\$13,000-\$39,036
19	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$14,196
4	Special counsel at mental hospitals	\$16,500-\$21,420
4	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$12,468
JUVENILE PROBATION AND AFTERCARE		
274	Court counselors	\$11,432-\$25,908
47	Secretarial personnel	\$ 8,820-\$14,196
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS		
1	Administrative Officer of the Courts	\$48,504
1	Assistant Director for Legal Services	\$34,644
1	Assistant Director for Management Services	\$44,772
98	Staff personnel	\$ 9,204-\$36,108

PART IV

TRIAL COURTS CASEFLOW DATA

- **Superior Court Division**
- **District Court Division**

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

This part of the *Annual Report* presents pertinent data on a district-by-district and county-by-county basis. For ease of reference, this part is divided into a superior court division section and a district court division section.

The data within the two sections generally parallel each other in terms of organization, with each section subdivided into civil and criminal case categories. With some exceptions, there are three basic data tables for each case category: a caseload inventory (filings, dispositions and pending) table; a table on the manner of dispositions; and a table on ages of cases disposed of during the year and ages of cases pending at the end of the year. Pending and age data are not provided for district court motor vehicle criminal cases, for civil cases (small claims) referred to magistrates, and for juvenile cases, inasmuch as these categories of cases are not reported by case file number.

The caseload inventory tables provide a statistical picture of caseload during the 1980-81 year. Items recorded in this table include the number of cases pending at the beginning of the year, the number of new cases filed, the number of cases disposed of during the year, and the number of cases left pending at the end of the year. The caseload inventory also shows the total caseload (the number pending at the beginning of the year plus the number filed during the year) and the percentage of the caseload which was disposed of during the year.

The aging tables show the ages of the cases pending on June 30, 1981 as well as the ages of the cases disposed of during 1980-81. These tables also show both mean (average) and median ages for each set of cases—those pending at the end of the year and those that were disposed of during the year. The median age of a group of cases is, by definition, the age of a hypothetical case which is older than 50% of the total set of cases and younger than the other 50%.

Unlike the median, the mean age can be substantially raised (or lowered) if even a small number of very old (or very young) cases are included. For example, if only a single two-year old case was included among ten cases aged three months, the median age would be 90 days and the mean (average) age would be 148.2 days. A substantial difference between the median and average ages, therefore, indicates the presence of a number of rather long-pending, or short-pending, cases.

Separate summary tables at the end of Part IV show the comparative rankings, for the 1980-81 year, in terms of percentage of disposition of caseloads for the 33 judicial district and the 100 counties.

The case statistics in Part IV have been calculated from filing and disposition case data submitted to the Administrative Office of the Courts by the 100 clerks of superior court across the State. The present case reporting system is essentially a manual one: weekly re-

ports from each clerk's office are mailed to Raleigh, where they are computer-coded, entered and processed. Pending case information is computer-calculated from the filing and disposition data. The accuracy of the pending case figures is, of course, dependent upon timely and accurate filing and disposition data.

Periodic comparisons by clerk personnel of their actual pending case files against AOC's computer-produced pending case lists, followed by indicated corrections, is necessary to maintain completely accurate data in the AOC computer file. Yet, staff resource in the clerks' offices is not sufficient to make such physical inventory checks as frequently and as completely as would be necessary to maintain full accuracy in AOC's computer files. Thus, it is recognized that some of the figures published in the following tables have errors of some degree. An example of such a situation is the 1980-81 data on the district court criminal non-motor vehicle case data for Mecklenburg County. The year-end pending figures published in this Report for Mecklenburg County are suspected to be higher than is actually the case, and the disposition figures published are suspected to be lower than the numbers actually disposed of in that county during 1980-81.

Another procedure in the reporting system that deserves comment is the count of reopened cases, applicable to all case types except motor vehicle criminal, civil magistrate (small claims), estates, and special proceedings. Reopened cases are included as part of the filing count: thus, the original case filing and a later reopening (such as retrial of a case) are counted as two cases filed even though only one case number (file) is involved. This procedure, of course, tends to inflate the actual case number count. This type of case count inflation is most apparent in domestic relations cases where post-disposition motions or petitions are common.

Another accuracy-related problem inherent in a manual reporting system is the lack of absolute consistency in the published year-end and year-beginning pending figures. The number of cases pending at the end of a reporting year should ideally be identical with the number of published pending cases at the *beginning* of the next reporting year. In reality, this is rarely the case. Experience has shown that inevitably some filings and dispositions which occurred in the preceding year do not get reported until the subsequent year. The later-reported data is regarded as being more complete reporting and is used, thereby producing some differences between the prior year's end-pending figures and the current year's beginning-pending figures.

Notwithstanding the indicated limitations in the data reporting and data-processing system, it is believed that the published figures are sufficiently adequate to fully justify their use. In any event, the published figures are the best and most accurate data currently available.

TRIAL COURTS CASE DATA

Closer monitoring of the statistical reporting system by AOC staff and the expanded efforts of the clerks of superior court in reporting in a more timely fashion have already alleviated some problems in the system. For example, the end-pending case counts for the 1979-80 fiscal year and the beginning-pending counts for the 1980-81 are in much closer agreement than such counts have been in recent years.

A committee composed of representative court personnel and AOC staff members has been formed to evaluate the existing reporting system and to make recommendations for further improvement. Some further qualitative improvements in the reporting and processing of case data under a *manual* system of reporting by the clerks of superior court can be expected.

PART IV, Section 1

Superior Court Division Caseflow Data

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload during the 1980-81 year of cases pending, filed and disposed of in the State's superior courts, that is, cases before superior court judges; and cases pending, filed and disposed of before the 100 clerks of superior court, who have original jurisdiction over estates cases and special proceedings.

There are, for statistical reporting purposes, three categories of cases filed in the superior courts: civil cases and felony cases which are within the original jurisdiction of the superior courts; and misdemeanor appeals from the district courts to superior courts, for trial *de novo*.

During 1980-81, as the bar graph on the following page illustrates, felony cases contributed the greatest proportion of all case filings (51.9%), misdemeanor appeals the second greatest proportion of all case filings (31.4%), with civil cases amounting to 16.9% of total case filings in the superior courts. These proportions of the three categories of cases are in line with the prevailing pattern in recent years.

As the following bar chart shows, there are significant differences among the case categories in the relationships between numbers of cases filed and disposed of during the year and the number of cases which remain pending at the end of the year. For the two criminal case categories (felonies and misdemeanor appeals), the numbers filed and disposed of during the year are considerably larger than the numbers pending at year's end. On the other hand, there are more civil cases pending at year's end than were filed or disposed of during the year. These summary figures suggest that the "typical" superior court civil case takes considerably longer to dispose of than the "typical" criminal case.

This conclusion is supported by the data on the ages of superior court cases pending on June 30, 1981 and ages of superior court cases disposed of during 1980-81. The second bar graph following presents median ages for each of the three case categories. The median age of

superior court civil cases pending on June 30, 1981 is 284 days; the median age of felony cases pending on June 30, 1981 is 81 days; and that of misdemeanor appeals, 64 days. Similarly, the superior court civil cases disposed of during 1980-81 had a median age of 315 days at the time of their disposition, while the median age of the felony cases disposed of during the year was 71 days and the median age of the misdemeanor appeals at disposition was 64 days.

These differences in the median ages of cases disposed of or still pending in superior courts can be attributed in part to the priority given criminal cases. The right of a criminal case defendant to a "speedy trial" is guaranteed in both the United States and North Carolina Constitutions; and current North Carolina statutes prescribe that criminal cases must be tried within 120 days of filing unless there has been justifiable delay for one or more of the good causes specified in the statutes. No comparable "standard" for the speedy disposition of civil cases has been adopted in North Carolina, although the North Carolina Constitution does provide that "right and justice shall be administered without favor, denial, or delay" in the section declaring every person's right to legal remedy for injury" in his lands, goods, person or reputation. (Article I, Section 18, N.C. Const.)

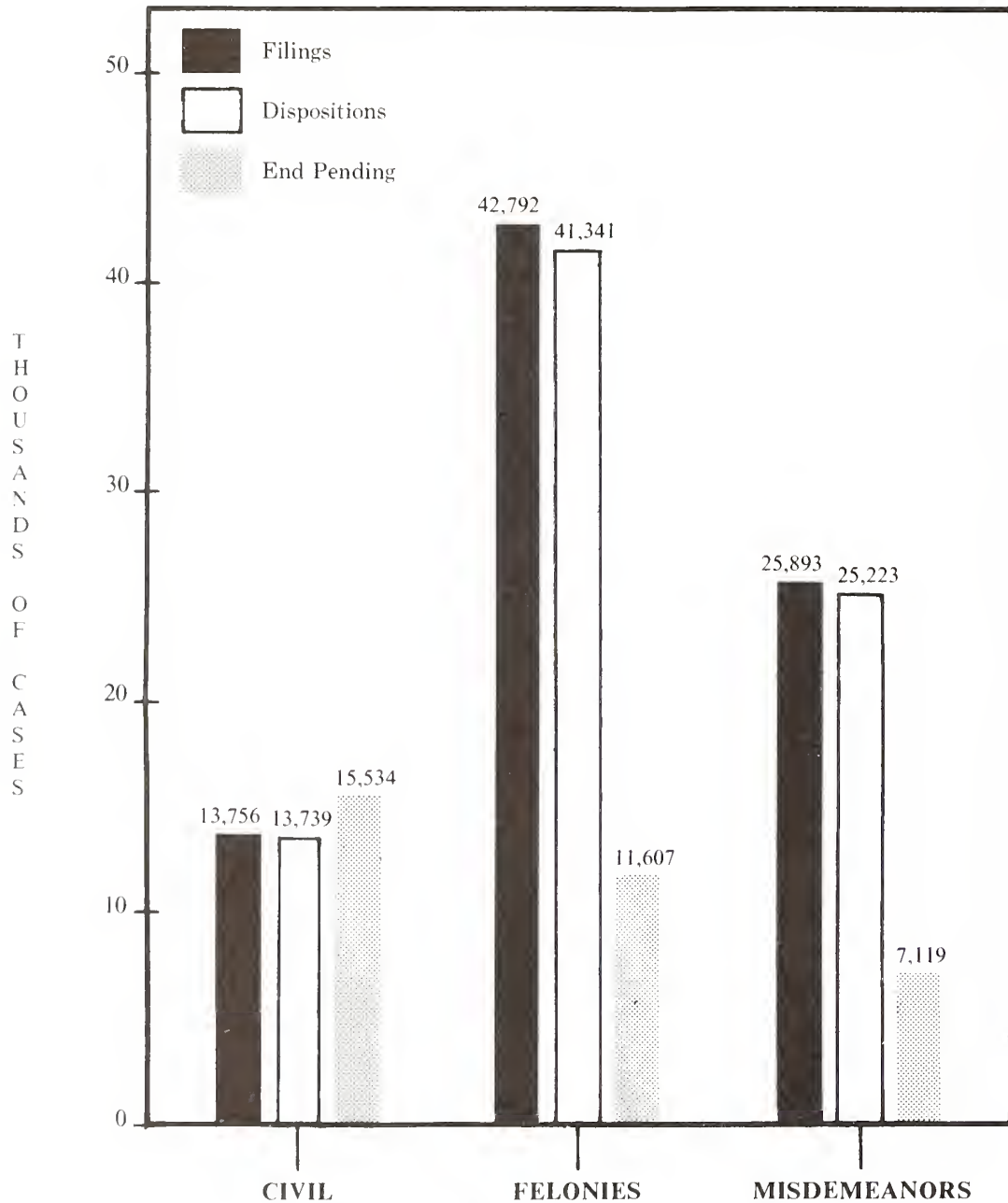
During the 1980-81 year, a statewide total of 82,441 cases of all types were filed in the superior courts, an increase of 7,544 cases (10.1%) over the 74,899 cases filed during the previous year. This is in line with the increase trend in filings in recent years.

As for the manner of dispositions, it is noteworthy that jury trials are involved in a low percentage of all dispositions: 742 civil cases (5.4%) out of a total of 13,739; 2,837 felony cases (6.9%) out of a total of 41,341; and 1,427 misdemeanor cases (5.7%) out of a total of 25,223 misdemeanor dispositions.

As the data tables show, pleas of guilty are entered in a majority of the criminal case dispositions.

SUPERIOR COURT CASELOAD

1980-81

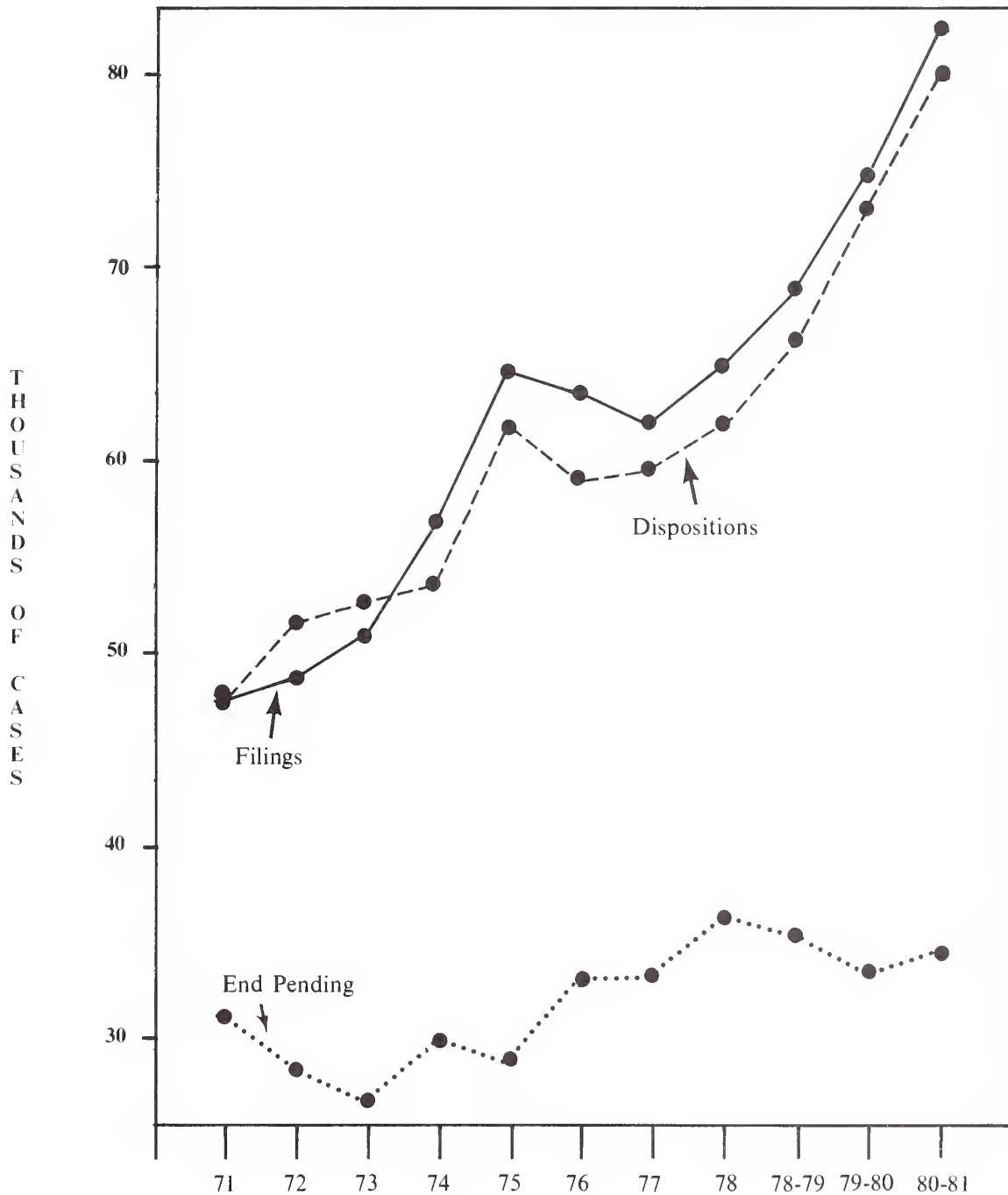


Civil case dispositions rose 16.8% during the 1980-81 year to almost equal (99.9%) the number of civil cases filed during the same time period. Felony case filings in

1980-81 increased 16.2% over the 1979-80 filings, while felony dispositions in 1980-81 increased 14.3% over the 1979-80 period.

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Caseload Trends In The Superior Courts 1971-1981

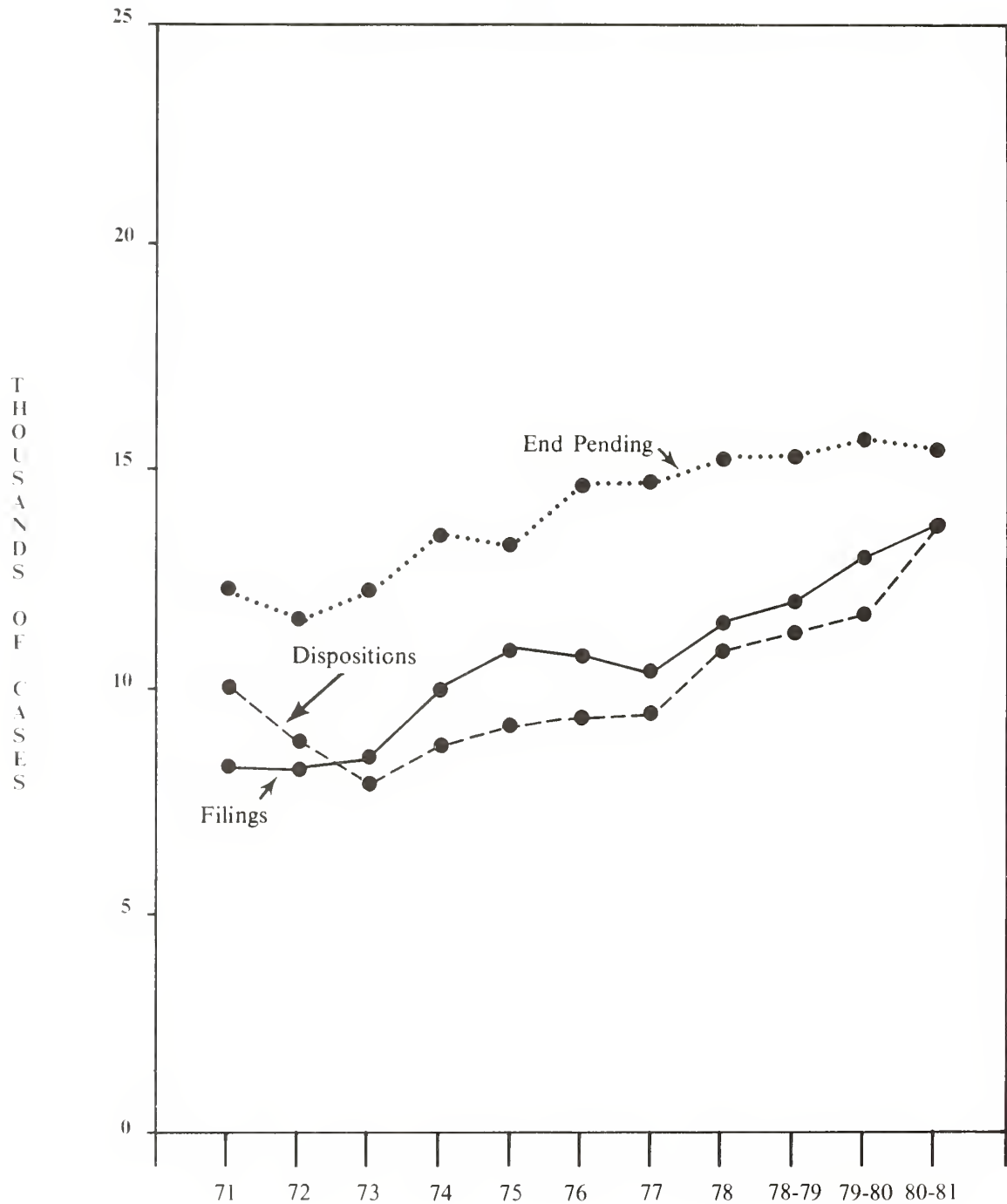


This graph portrays civil and criminal caseload in the superior courts. The 1980-81 filing and disposition counts follow the increasing trend of the last four years; no substantial trend is apparent for the pending case-

load, but number of the superior court cases pending as of June 30, 1981 was of a larger magnitude than the number reported pending on June 30, 1980.

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Caseload Trends Of Civil Cases In The Superior Courts 1971-1981

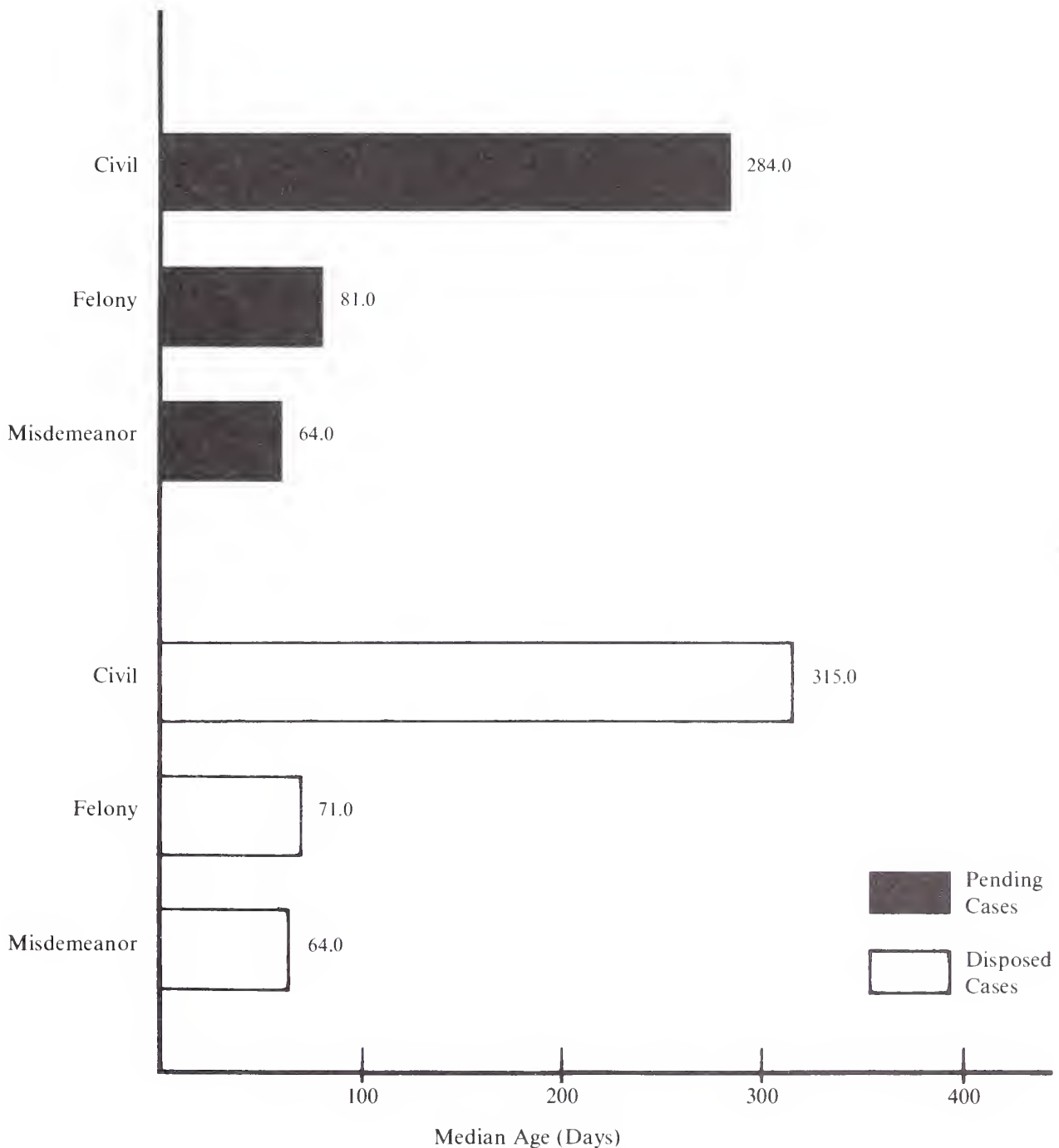


This graph shows trends in civil superior caseload for the last decade. The recent leveling of the pending case count is consistent with the increases in case disposi-

tions that almost resulted in dispositions' overtaking filings during the 1980-81 year; only 17 more cases were filed than were disposed of during the last fiscal year.

LIFETIMES OF SUPERIOR COURT CASES

Median Ages Of Cases Pending 6/30/81 And Of Cases Disposed Of During 1980-81



The median age of a case category is that age with respect to which 50% of all cases in the category are younger and 50% of all cases are older; it is the 50th percentile of ages of all cases in the category. As shown in the above graph, the median age of all civil superior court cases disposed of during 1980-81 was 315 days

and the median age of all criminal superior court cases disposed of during 1980-81 was less than 75 days, reflecting the very substantially greater time taken to process civil cases through the superior courts. A similar relationship exists with respect to the median ages of pending civil and criminal cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<i><u>District 1</u></i>						
Camden	13	8	21	6	28.5	15
Chowan	34	28	62	27	43.5	35
Currituck	31	27	58	23	39.6	35
Dare	69	62	131	61	46.5	70
Gates	6	9	15	7	46.6	8
Pasquotank	40	81	121	63	52.0	58
Perquimans	18	40	58	21	36.2	37
District Totals	211	255	466	208	44.6	258
<i><u>District 2</u></i>						
Beaufort	74	55	129	77	59.6	52
Hyde	19	11	30	11	36.6	19
Martin	36	40	76	34	44.7	42
Tyrrell	5	7	12	4	33.3	8
Washington	40	26	66	43	65.1	23
District Totals	174	139	313	169	53.9	144
<i><u>District 3</u></i>						
Carteret	148	155	303	162	53.4	141
Craven	201	123	324	174	53.7	150
Pamlico	30	15	45	26	57.7	19
Pitt	206	223	429	210	48.9	219
District Totals	585	516	1,101	572	51.9	529
<i><u>District 4</u></i>						
Duplin	80	84	164	55	33.5	109
Jones	33	14	47	25	53.1	22
Onslow	148	137	285	114	40.0	171
Sampson	67	93	160	75	46.8	85
District Totals	328	328	656	269	41.0	387
<i><u>District 5</u></i>						
New Hanover	269	210	479	251	52.4	228
Pender	57	70	127	51	40.1	76
District Totals	326	280	606	302	49.8	304
<i><u>District 6</u></i>						
Bertie	36	40	76	31	40.7	45
Halifax	92	68	160	83	51.8	77
Hertford	47	58	105	52	49.5	53
Northampton	41	26	67	34	50.7	33
District Totals	216	192	408	200	49.0	208
<i><u>District 7</u></i>						
Edgecombe	98	75	173	92	53.1	81
Nash	176	114	290	149	51.3	141
Wilson	142	107	249	133	53.4	116
District Totals	416	296	712	374	52.5	338
<i><u>District 8</u></i>						
Greene	17	16	33	19	57.5	14
Lenoir	180	138	318	184	57.8	134
Wayne	178	230	408	198	48.5	210
District Totals	375	384	759	401	52.8	358
<i><u>District 9</u></i>						
Franklin	74	72	146	56	38.3	90
Granville	60	61	121	63	52.0	58
Person	71	31	102	50	49.0	52
Vance	123	39	162	90	55.5	72
Warren	74	25	99	54	54.5	45
District Totals	402	228	630	313	49.6	317

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE
SUPERIOR COURTS
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981**

	<u>Pending 7/1/80</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>% Caseload Disposed</u>	<u>Pending 6/30/81</u>
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,031	1,594	2,625	1,433	54.5	1,192
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	152	102	254	126	49.6	128
Johnston	212	199	411	184	44.7	227
Lee	109	68	177	71	40.1	106
District Totals	473	369	842	381	45.2	461
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	379	363	742	360	48.5	382
Hoke	17	10	27	13	48.1	14
District Totals	396	373	769	373	48.5	396
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	42	32	74	45	60.8	29
Brunswick	72	66	138	53	38.4	85
Columbus	153	111	264	131	49.6	133
District Totals	267	209	476	229	48.1	247
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	611	430	1,041	535	51.3	506
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	179	150	329	138	41.9	191
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	62	41	103	64	62.1	39
Orange	155	153	308	155	50.3	153
District Totals	217	194	411	219	53.2	192
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	81	109	190	83	43.6	107
Scotland	30	28	58	21	36.2	37
District Totals	111	137	248	104	41.9	144
<u>District 17</u>						
Caswell	23	18	41	16	39.0	25
Rockingham	119	163	282	155	54.9	127
Stokes	27	17	44	23	52.2	21
Surry	144	107	251	159	63.3	92
District Totals	313	305	618	353	57.1	265
<u>District 18</u>						
<u>Guilford</u>						
Greensboro	1,068	752	1,820	582	31.9	1,238
High Point	262	216	478	207	43.3	271
District Totals	1,330	968	2,298	789	34.3	1,509
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	159	107	266	111	41.7	155
Rowan	112	152	264	115	43.5	149
District Totals	271	259	530	226	42.6	304
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	25	23	48	27	56.2	21
Randolph	111	136	247	112	45.3	135
District Totals	136	159	295	139	47.1	156

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	86	44	130	40	30.7	90
Moore	189	90	279	117	41.9	162
Richmond	106	85	191	75	39.2	116
Stanly	66	32	98	38	38.7	60
Union	159	128	287	140	48.7	147
District Totals	606	379	985	410	41.6	575
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	826	666	1,492	826	55.3	666
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	32	25	57	31	54.3	26
Davidson	160	169	329	181	55.0	148
Davie	20	37	57	29	50.8	28
Iredell	135	159	294	183	62.2	111
District Totals	347	390	737	424	57.5	313
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	25	11	36	26	72.2	10
Ashe	58	12	70	37	52.8	33
Wilkes	174	152	326	146	44.7	180
Yadkin	25	25	50	22	44.0	28
District Totals	282	200	482	231	47.9	251
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	26	26	52	34	65.3	18
Madison	34	27	61	41	67.2	20
Mitchell	43	27	70	47	67.1	23
Watauga	60	56	116	64	55.1	52
Yancey	63	26	89	41	46.0	48
District Totals	226	162	388	227	58.5	161
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	179	159	338	128	37.8	210
Caldwell	167	164	331	157	47.4	174
Catawba	256	313	569	257	45.1	312
District Totals	602	636	1,238	542	43.7	696
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	2,335	1,856	4,191	1,730	41.2	2,461
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	458	429	887	341	38.4	546
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	156	155	311	171	54.9	140
Lincoln	62	63	125	80	64.0	45
District Totals	218	218	436	251	57.5	185
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	458	548	1,006	500	49.7	506
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	130	112	242	87	35.9	155
McDowell	55	35	90	36	40.0	54
Polk	27	23	50	26	52.0	24
Rutherford	79	62	141	49	34.7	92
Transylvania	56	31	87	43	49.4	44
District Totals	347	263	610	241	39.5	369

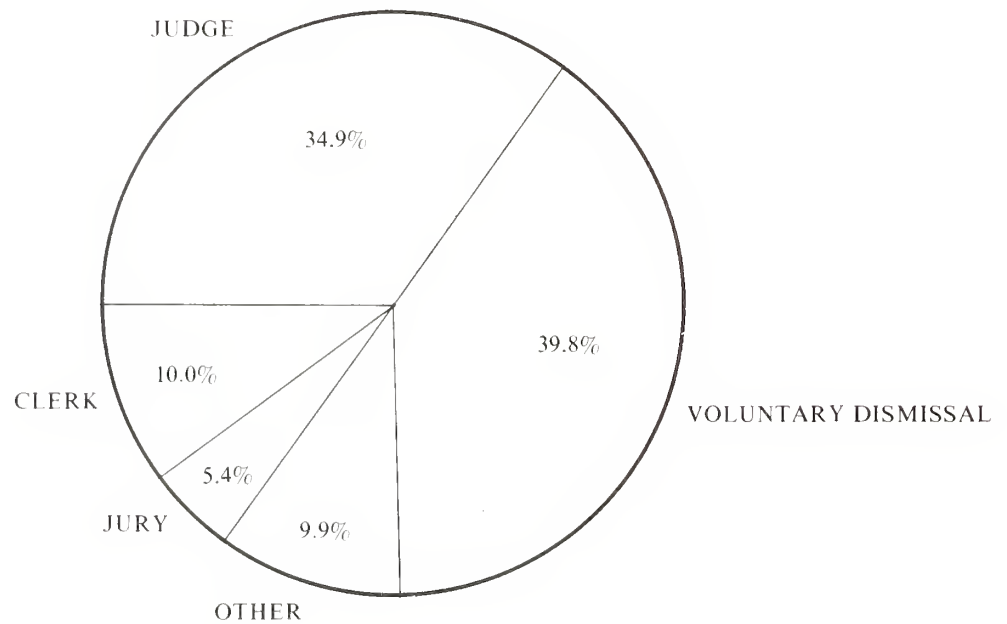
**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CIVIL CASES IN THE
SUPERIOR COURTS**

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	<u>Pending 7/1/80</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Disposed</u>	<u>% Caseload Disposed</u>	<u>Pending 6/30/81</u>
<u>District 30</u>						
Cherokee	42	28	70	38	54.2	32
Clay	9	10	19	6	31.5	13
Graham	17	11	28	10	35.7	18
Haywood	109	73	182	80	43.9	102
Jackson	151	59	210	72	34.2	138
Macon	66	43	109	53	48.6	56
Swain	50	20	70	30	42.8	40
District Totals	444	244	688	289	42.0	399
State Totals	15,517	13,756	29,273	13,739	46.9	15,534

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL CASES

1980-81



The above graph of disposition methods for civil superior court cases during 1980-81 is very similar to the comparable graph for previous years. As in the past, voluntary dismissals represent the largest number of

dispositions. The percentages computed for the disposition methods are approximately equal to the same percentages during the 1979-80 year.

**MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE
SUPERIOR COURTS
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981**

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u><i>District 1</i></u>						
Camden	6	3	1	0	2	0
Chowan	27	8	4	5	10	0
Currituck	23	6	0	4	13	0
Dare	61	21	0	7	29	4
Gates	7	2	0	3	2	0
Pasquotank	63	17	6	23	7	10
Perquimans	21	8	0	9	4	0
District Totals	208	65	11	51	67	14
<u><i>District 2</i></u>						
Beaufort	77	23	5	5	32	12
Hyde	11	4	1	0	6	0
Martin	34	9	1	7	2	15
Tyrrell	4	3	0	1	0	0
Washington	43	11	2	3	23	4
District Totals	169	50	9	16	63	31
<u><i>District 3</i></u>						
Carteret	162	65	5	13	72	7
Craven	174	55	9	22	79	9
Pamlico	26	7	2	2	11	4
Pitt	210	69	7	31	96	7
District Totals	572	196	23	68	258	27
<u><i>District 4</i></u>						
Duplin	55	15	7	4	27	2
Jones	25	1	0	3	18	3
Onslow	114	32	5	18	58	1
Sampson	75	19	10	11	33	2
District Totals	269	67	22	36	136	8
<u><i>District 5</i></u>						
New Hanover	251	102	3	21	122	3
Pender	51	35	2	1	10	3
District Totals	302	137	5	22	132	6
<u><i>District 6</i></u>						
Bertie	31	8	2	3	17	1
Halifax	83	36	2	9	5	31
Hertford	52	13	5	7	27	0
Northampton	34	18	2	4	7	3
District Totals	200	75	11	23	56	35
<u><i>District 7</i></u>						
Edgecombe	92	41	1	5	44	1
Nash	149	54	7	13	73	2
Wilson	133	44	11	16	60	2
District Totals	374	139	19	34	177	5
<u><i>District 8</i></u>						
Greene	19	8	1	1	3	6
Lenoir	184	53	16	25	90	0
Wayne	198	69	10	22	95	2
District Totals	401	130	27	48	188	8
<u><i>District 9</i></u>						
Franklin	56	19	0	2	11	24
Granville	63	21	1	10	29	2
Person	50	14	5	5	19	7
Vance	90	32	1	1	51	5
Warren	54	9	1	2	33	9
District Totals	313	95	8	20	143	47

**MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CIVIL CASES IN THE
SUPERIOR COURTS
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981**

	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	1,433	796	52	98	446	41
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	126	42	11	4	67	2
Johnston	184	65	4	15	80	20
Lee	71	25	0	7	6	33
District Totals	381	132	15	26	153	55
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	360	120	17	18	203	2
Hoke	13	3	0	1	7	2
District Totals	373	123	17	19	210	4
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	45	22	0	1	19	3
Brunswick	53	24	2	1	7	19
Columbus	131	45	11	12	63	0
District Totals	229	91	13	14	89	22
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	535	75	21	164	213	62
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	138	32	7	6	84	9
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	64	28	8	8	16	4
Orange	155	51	12	2	78	12
District Totals	219	79	20	10	94	16
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	83	40	6	7	14	16
Scotland	21	14	0	1	6	0
District Totals	104	54	6	8	20	16
<u>District 17</u>						
Caswell	16	3	1	1	7	4
Rockingham	155	40	14	22	77	2
Stokes	23	13	1	0	9	0
Surry	159	40	15	10	71	23
District Totals	353	96	31	33	164	29
<u>District 18</u>						
<u>Guilford</u>						
Greensboro	582	182	39	59	289	13
High Point	207	76	13	27	89	2
District Totals	789	258	52	86	378	15
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	111	29	7	7	68	0
Rowan	115	30	9	6	68	2
District Totals	226	59	16	13	136	2
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	27	6	2	0	15	4
Randolph	112	40	7	6	55	4
District Totals	139	46	9	6	70	8
<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	40	18	4	5	13	0
Moore	117	45	7	10	16	39
Richmond	75	36	0	16	1	22
Stanly	38	15	0	1	22	0
Union	140	50	10	18	60	2
District Totals	410	164	21	50	112	63

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SUPERIOR COURTS
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	Total Disposed	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Voluntary Dismissal	Other
<u><i>District 21</i></u>						
Forsyth	826	260	42	89	420	15
<u><i>District 22</i></u>						
Alexander	31	11	1	3	16	0
Davidson	181	69	9	10	68	25
Davie	29	10	3	1	13	2
Iredell	183	43	4	28	99	9
District Totals	424	133	17	42	196	36
<u><i>District 23</i></u>						
Alleghany	26	7	0	0	18	1
Ashe	37	16	10	0	11	0
Wilkes	146	47	5	11	80	3
Yadkin	22	4	3	2	12	1
District Totals	231	74	18	13	121	5
<u><i>District 24</i></u>						
Avery	34	15	0	3	6	10
Madison	41	19	4	0	18	0
Mitchell	47	9	3	8	21	6
Watauga	64	16	3	7	36	2
Yancey	41	14	5	0	14	8
District Totals	227	73	15	18	95	26
<u><i>District 25</i></u>						
Burke	128	43	15	10	60	0
Caldwell	157	40	13	16	41	47
Catawba	257	97	8	31	67	54
District Totals	542	180	36	57	168	101
<u><i>District 26</i></u>						
Mecklenburg	1,730	488	83	186	402	571
<u><i>District 27A</i></u>						
Gaston	341	87	30	24	189	11
<u><i>District 27B</i></u>						
Cleveland	171	45	8	20	92	6
Lincoln	80	28	2	12	37	1
District Totals	251	73	10	32	129	7
<u><i>District 28</i></u>						
Buncombe	500	227	48	25	190	10
<u><i>District 29</i></u>						
Henderson	87	37	7	4	38	1
McDowell	36	17	0	4	13	2
Polk	26	12	3	1	9	1
Rutherford	49	17	5	3	24	0
Transylvania	43	20	3	3	17	0
District Totals	241	103	18	15	101	4
<u><i>District 30</i></u>						
Cherokee	38	20	0	5	3	10
Clay	6	1	1	0	1	3
Graham	10	3	2	0	4	1
Haywood	80	35	0	6	37	2
Jackson	72	44	0	1	0	27
Macon	53	25	2	5	16	5
Swain	30	8	5	0	12	5
District Totals	289	136	10	17	73	53
State Totals	13,739	4,793	742	1,369	5,473	1,362

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)			Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)						
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed	Mean Age					
					0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	
<i>District 1</i>										
Camden	15	430.9	427.0	2	0	5	6	2	2	0
Chowan	35	920.5	297.0	6	7	5	3	14	5	4
Currituck	35	499.7	355.0	3	4	11	9	8	9	2
Dare	70	468.1	322.5	11	7	19	20	13	12	11
Gates	8	384.1	352.0	2	1	1	3	1	3	0
Pasquotank	58	201.5	114.5	24	17	8	8	1	32	2
Pequimans	37	269.9	194.0	8	9	12	5	3	21	0
District Totals	258	440.6	275.0	56	45	61	54	42	73	20
<i>District 2</i>										
Beaufort	52	536.5	261.0	14	6	12	10	10	20	21
Hyde	19	528.4	530.0	2	3	3	5	6	1	3
Martin	42	450.3	278.0	12	4	11	9	6	8	10
Tyrrell	8	179.3	127.5	3	2	2	1	0	0	3
Washington	23	485.6	286.0	3	6	6	3	5	6	13
District Totals	144	482.3	278.0	34	21	34	28	27	35	50
<i>District 3</i>										
Carteret	141	265.4	221.0	49	15	39	33	5	37	19
Craven	150	430.2	270.0	34	22	30	34	30	21	46
Pamlico	19	333.4	328.0	6	1	3	7	2	5	5
Pitt	219	341.5	188.0	59	48	44	46	22	58	22
District Totals	529	346.1	220.0	148	86	116	120	59	121	92
<i>District 4</i>										
Duplin	109	477.2	229.0	34	14	22	19	20	9	9
Jones	22	455.7	331.0	4	3	5	5	5	0	8
Onslow	171	451.8	286.0	36	26	32	38	39	21	16
Sampson	85	339.3	196.0	19	19	26	13	8	22	9
District Totals	387	434.5	241.0	93	62	85	75	72	52	42
<i>District 5</i>										
New Hanover	228	429.5	313.5	49	35	49	47	48	47	61
Pender	76	462.7	308.0	12	7	34	10	13	9	19
District Totals	304	437.8	308.0	61	42	83	57	61	56	80
<i>District 6</i>										
Bertie	45	311.8	202.0	12	10	12	4	7	4	9
Halifax	77	431.6	277.0	12	12	20	18	15	19	21
Hertford	53	392.1	216.0	12	13	10	8	10	18	5
Northampton	33	434.3	354.0	8	3	7	10	5	6	5
District Totals	208	396.0	251.5	44	38	49	40	37	47	48

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	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)			Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)				
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365
								366-730	730 >	730 >
<i>District 7</i>										
Edgcombe	81	419.0	259.0	16	10	23	18	14	14	15
Nash	141	374.8	269.0	23	31	34	34	19	15	22
Wilson	116	365.0	291.5	27	13	29	33	14	12	23
District Totals	338	382.0	270.5	66	54	86	85	47	41	60
<i>District 8</i>										
Greene	14	117.6	79.0	7	4	2	1	0	3	6
Lenoir	134	296.4	185.0	38	28	26	33	9	17	37
Wayne	210	343.1	217.0	55	39	50	36	30	24	41
District Totals	358	316.8	199.5	100	71	78	70	39	45	84
<i>District 9</i>										
Franklin	90	556.4	336.0	18	9	29	14	20	7	6
Granville	58	360.3	271.0	9	11	17	10	11	5	16
Person	52	489.7	411.0	11	3	9	17	12	3	8
Vance	72	659.8	492.0	9	8	12	18	25	6	14
Warren	45	668.3	606.0	5	4	10	10	16	3	6
District Totals	317	548.9	353.0	52	35	77	69	84	32	46
<i>District 10</i>										
Wake	1,192	267.3	203.0	346	202	314	260	70	247	215
<i>District 11</i>										
Harnett	128	364.4	292.5	29	17	32	36	14	14	20
Johnson	227	434.1	329.0	44	28	54	58	43	18	25
Lee	106	487.8	427.0	16	10	17	40	23	11	8
District Totals	461	427.1	332.0	89	55	103	134	80	43	53
<i>District 12</i>										
Cumberland	382	349.0	239.0	97	65	88	81	51	43	73
Hoke	14	502.4	417.5	3	2	2	4	3	2	2
District Totals	396	354.4	245.0	100	67	90	85	54	45	75
<i>District 13</i>										
Bladen	29	288.8	263.0	8	2	9	8	2	3	10
Brunswick	85	376.8	206.0	19	20	17	12	17	3	8
Columbus	133	410.0	329.0	23	26	24	40	20	16	14
District Totals	247	384.3	263.0	50	48	50	60	39	22	32
<i>District 14</i>										
Durham	506	417.4	328.5	84	82	109	157	74	56	69

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	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)									
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90			Mean Age	Median Age	0-90							
				91-180	181-365				366-730	91-180	181-365	366-730				
District 15A																
Alamance	191	430.1	340.0	31	26	49	63	22	138	443.0	329.5	19	26	33	38	22
District 15B																
Chatham	39	321.3	158.0	15	6	3	10	5	64	400.9	508.5	13	7	11	24	9
Orange	153	262.1	200.0	47	23	51	22	10	155	334.4	321.0	21	20	53	54	7
District Totals	192	274.1	193.5	62	29	54	32	15	219	353.8	340.0	34	27	64	78	16
District 16																
Robeson	107	356.6	251.0	28	8	34	25	12	83	278.3	180.0	27	15	20	14	7
Scotland	37	506.5	299.0	8	4	9	7	9	21	509.9	282.0	3	5	5	3	5
District Totals	144	395.1	264.0	36	12	43	32	21	104	325.1	187.0	30	20	25	17	12
District 17																
Caswell	25	439.7	339.0	4	2	7	7	5	16	478.8	560.0	1	2	4	6	3
Rockingham	127	259.9	200.0	39	22	41	17	8	155	355.7	281.0	32	20	45	49	9
Stokes	21	383.2	321.0	3	2	8	5	3	23	475.0	491.0	4	2	4	7	6
Surry	92	291.5	230.0	23	17	20	27	5	159	384.6	384.0	25	17	35	73	9
District Totals	265	297.6	238.0	69	43	76	56	21	353	382.0	343.0	62	41	88	135	27
District 18																
Guilford	1,238	578.9	416.5	189	135	229	338	347	582	585.8	301.5	136	90	93	120	143
Greenshoro	271	585.4	340.0	44	42	56	54	75	207	682.4	306.0	48	31	35	33	60
High Point	1,509	580.1	404.0	233	177	285	392	422	789	611.1	302.0	184	121	128	153	203
District 19A																
Cabarrus	155	412.8	308.0	24	22	43	42	24	111	596.7	607.0	13	16	16	24	42
Rowan	149	277.7	216.0	39	29	37	36	8	115	394.8	294.0	30	13	18	36	18
District Totals	304	346.6	272.5	63	51	80	78	32	226	494.0	407.5	43	29	34	60	60
District 19B																
Montgomery	21	354.2	234.0	3	3	9	3	3	27	495.4	427.0	4	3	5	8	7
Randolph	135	304.7	223.0	24	33	38	31	9	112	336.4	263.5	31	12	29	25	15
District Totals	156	311.4	226.0	27	36	47	34	12	139	367.3	280.0	35	15	34	33	22
District 20																
Anson	90	677.8	445.5	15	12	8	25	30	40	631.0	364.0	7	4	9	7	13
Moore	162	489.7	435.0	19	19	26	60	38	117	520.4	482.0	22	11	16	37	31
Richmond	116	447.4	340.5	17	12	34	33	20	75	485.5	370.0	17	5	15	18	20
Stanly	60	532.8	421.5	6	5	14	23	12	38	883.2	747.5	5	2	5	7	19
Union	147	432.8	283.0	26	24	39	34	24	140	427.9	333.5	29	13	35	36	27
District Totals	575	500.6	383.0	83	72	121	175	124	410	526.8	394.0	80	35	80	105	110

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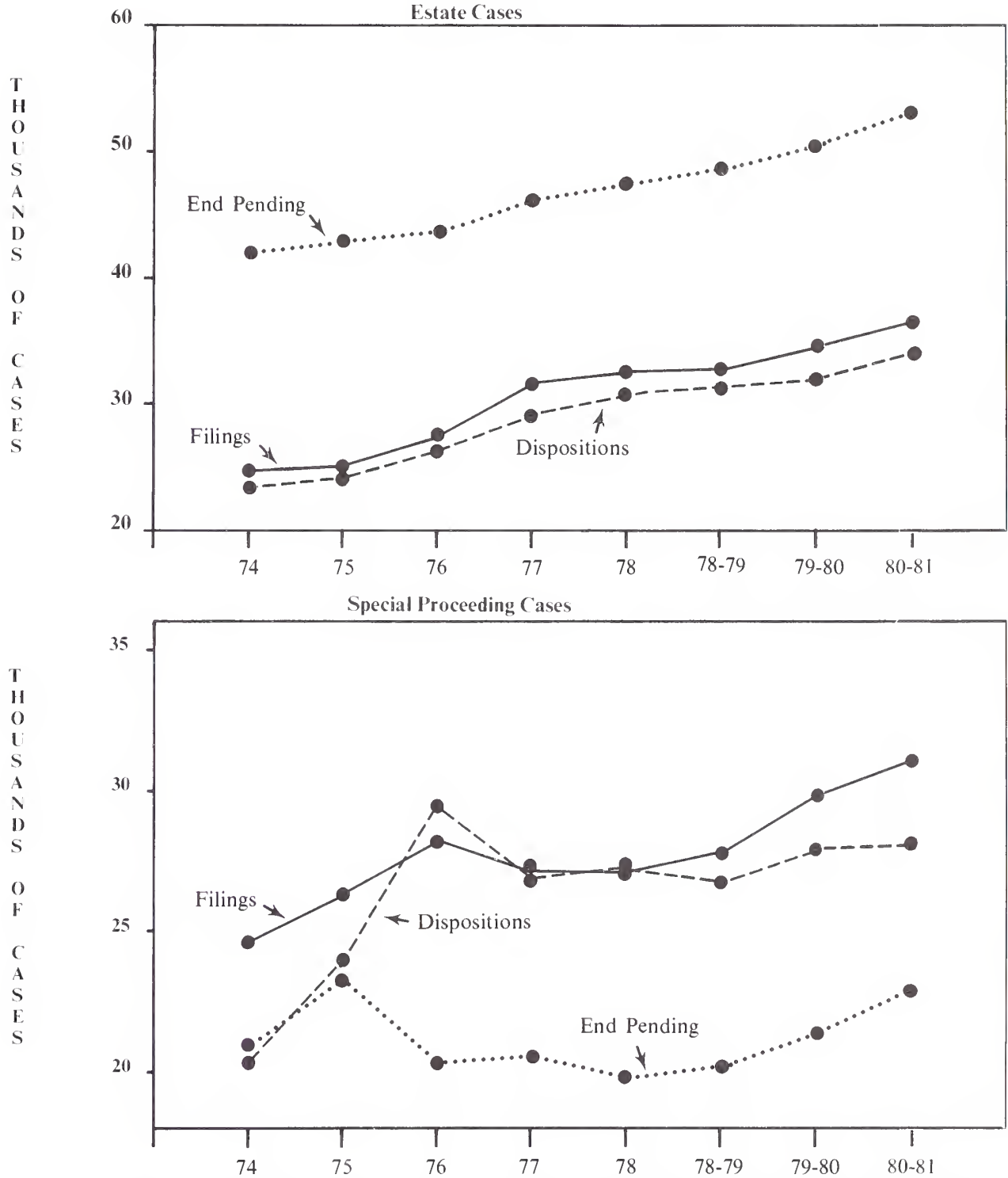
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	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365		366-730	> 730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
<i>District 29</i>																
Henderson	155	398.3	313.0	33	15	40	50	17	87	447.6	355.0	18	10	17	24	18
McDowell	54	515.9	328.0	7	7	14	13	13	36	432.2	389.5	6	3	7	15	5
Polk	24	335.8	202.0	3	3	11	4	3	26	482.8	547.0	4	3	5	7	7
Rutherford	92	355.0	348.0	10	20	20	35	7	49	412.6	393.0	8	6	8	19	8
Transylvania	44	414.5	326.0	6	6	12	15	5	43	628.3	495.0	3	5	11	10	14
District Totals	369	402.6	314.0	59	51	97	117	45	241	474.2	387.0	39	27	48	75	52
<i>District 30</i>																
Cherokee	32	409.2	306.5	8	5	5	10	4	38	590.0	378.0	6	3	10	9	10
Clay	13	343.2	189.0	4	2	3	1	3	6	440.3	299.0	1	0	3	1	1
Graham	18	385.1	405.0	6	1	0	8	3	10	496.7	508.5	0	2	3	1	4
Haywood	102	415.4	369.0	17	16	18	32	19	80	455.9	468.5	17	8	9	32	14
Jackson	138	602.6	549.0	5	19	24	50	40	72	767.8	867.0	10	5	7	13	37
Macon	56	512.5	384.0	5	9	12	19	11	53	663.4	387.0	14	4	6	15	14
Swain	40	412.9	392.0	2	7	7	23	1	30	495.7	466.0	4	2	5	14	5
District Totals	399	489.3	392.0	47	59	69	143	81	289	594.5	483.0	52	24	43	85	85
State Totals	15,534	401.4	284.0	3,218	2,401	3,602	3,949	2,364	13,739	441.2	315.0	3,188	1,734	2,651	3,661	2,505

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION **Caseload Trends In Estates And Special Proceedings** **1974-81**



A steadily increasing trend has been established for the estate caseload over the past eight years. Special proceedings filings showed a 5% increase from the 1979-80

year to the 1980-81 year; 31,294 cases were filed during 1980-81 as compared to 29,830 during the 1979-80 year.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR ESTATES AND SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CLERKS OF SUPERIOR COURT

July 1, 1980 — June 30, 1981

	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<i>District 1</i>												
Camden	38	65	103	52	50.4	51	12	11	23	11	47.8	12
Chowan	176	108	284	83	29.2	201	92	51	143	47	32.8	96
Currituck	128	81	209	76	36.3	133	76	70	146	97	66.4	49
Dare	430	117	547	83	15.1	464	80	68	148	65	43.9	83
Gates	108	33	141	97	68.7	44	33	23	56	41	73.2	15
Pasquotank	222	241	463	209	45.1	254	54	93	147	77	52.3	70
Perquimans	144	90	234	77	32.9	157	42	34	76	48	63.1	28
District Totals	1,246	735	1,981	677	34.1	1,304	389	350	739	386	52.2	353
<i>District 2</i>												
Beaufort	525	359	884	345	39.0	539	413	121	534	120	22.4	414
Hyde	65	57	122	62	50.8	60	31	29	60	29	48.3	31
Martin	246	165	411	164	39.9	247	91	132	223	85	38.1	138
Tyrrell	33	23	56	27	48.2	29	18	13	31	22	70.9	9
Washington	120	107	227	88	38.7	139	47	77	124	70	56.4	54
District Totals	989	711	1,700	686	40.3	1,014	600	372	972	326	33.5	646
<i>District 3</i>												
Carteret	351	268	619	261	42.1	358	136	148	284	164	57.7	120
Craven	483	376	859	336	39.1	523	218	292	510	329	64.5	181
Pamlico	74	64	138	48	34.7	90	37	27	64	27	42.1	37
Pitt	589	523	1,112	521	46.8	591	139	471	610	462	75.7	148
District Totals	1,497	1,231	2,728	1,166	42.7	1,562	530	938	1,468	982	66.8	486
<i>District 4</i>												
Duplin	393	319	712	277	38.9	435	420	253	673	119	17.6	554
Jones	57	82	139	69	49.6	70	56	47	103	38	36.8	65
Onslow	485	272	757	321	42.4	436	368	597	965	610	63.2	355
Sampson	372	393	765	323	42.2	442	149	230	379	216	56.9	163
District Totals	1,307	1,066	2,373	990	41.7	1,383	993	1,127	2,120	983	46.3	1,137
<i>District 5</i>												
New Hanover	1,071	707	1,778	610	34.3	1,168	459	768	1,227	762	62.1	465
Pender	164	151	315	133	42.2	182	167	115	282	154	54.6	128
District Totals	1,235	858	2,093	743	35.4	1,350	626	883	1,509	916	60.7	593
<i>District 6</i>												
Bertie	200	184	384	170	44.2	214	66	89	155	69	44.5	86
Halifax	536	381	917	340	37.0	577	428	325	753	283	37.5	470
Hertford	179	177	356	138	38.7	218	114	93	207	85	41.0	122
Northampton	205	174	379	190	50.1	189	97	88	185	106	57.2	79
District Totals	1,120	916	2,036	838	41.1	1,198	705	595	1,300	543	41.7	757
<i>District 7</i>												
Edgecombe	396	363	759	363	47.8	396	184	256	440	221	50.2	219
Nash	495	389	884	366	41.4	518	320	234	554	191	34.4	363
Wilson	518	425	943	361	38.2	582	241	419	660	335	50.7	325
District Totals	1,409	1,177	2,586	1,090	42.1	1,496	745	909	1,654	747	45.1	907
<i>District 8</i>												
Greene	108	120	228	120	52.6	108	89	71	160	70	43.7	90
Lenoir	395	438	833	426	51.1	407	295	437	732	414	56.5	318
Wayne	792	620	1,412	528	37.3	884	340	852	1,192	823	69.0	369
District Totals	1,295	1,178	2,473	1,074	43.4	1,399	724	1,360	2,084	1,307	62.7	777

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	Estates						Special Proceedings					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<i>District 9</i>												
Franklin	350	228	578	203	35.1	375	169	169	338	163	48.2	175
Granville	270	239	509	255	50.0	254	119	322	441	321	72.7	120
Person	275	157	432	148	34.2	284	159	145	304	106	34.8	198
Vance	346	260	606	269	44.3	337	122	171	293	157	53.5	136
Warren	229	184	413	149	36.0	264	147	91	238	84	35.2	154
District Totals	1,470	1,068	2,538	1,024	40.3	1,514	716	898	1,614	831	51.4	783
<i>District 10</i>												
Wake	2,781	1,432	4,213	1,354	32.1	2,859	980	1,135	2,115	1,080	51.0	1,035
<i>District 11</i>												
Harnett	435	342	777	323	41.5	454	351	219	570	205	35.9	365
Johnston	701	515	1,216	517	42.5	699	214	612	826	592	71.6	234
Lee	417	262	679	214	31.5	465	256	179	435	136	31.2	299
District Totals	1,553	1,119	2,672	1,054	39.4	1,618	821	1,010	1,831	933	50.9	898
<i>District 12</i>												
Cumberland	762	735	1,497	723	48.2	774	421	1,308	1,729	1,234	71.3	495
Hoke	124	95	219	85	38.8	134	44	88	132	76	57.5	56
District Totals	886	830	1,716	808	47.0	908	465	1,396	1,861	1,310	70.3	551
<i>District 13</i>												
Bladen	140	122	262	133	50.7	129	79	160	239	186	77.8	53
Brunswick	254	278	532	310	58.2	222	391	260	651	459	70.5	192
Columbus	393	299	692	285	41.1	407	352	219	571	153	26.7	418
District Totals	787	699	1,486	728	48.9	758	822	639	1,461	798	54.6	663
<i>District 14</i>												
Durham	1,692	949	2,641	996	37.7	1,645	338	860	1,198	848	70.7	350
<i>District 15A</i>												
Alamance	629	731	1,360	623	45.8	737	234	504	738	445	60.2	293
<i>District 15B</i>												
Chatham	266	213	479	177	36.9	302	89	114	203	87	42.8	116
Orange	660	427	1,087	306	28.1	781	335	571	906	489	53.9	417
District Totals	926	640	1,566	483	30.8	1,083	424	685	1,109	576	51.9	533
<i>District 16</i>												
Robeson	519	547	1,066	536	50.2	530	243	449	692	394	56.9	298
Scotland	237	208	445	177	39.7	268	150	152	302	136	45.0	166
District Totals	756	755	1,511	713	47.1	798	393	601	994	530	53.3	464
<i>District 17</i>												
Caswell	178	104	282	111	39.3	171	106	77	183	65	35.5	118
Rockingham	735	650	1,385	591	42.6	794	378	327	705	265	37.5	440
Stokes	184	168	352	148	42.0	204	75	125	200	124	62.0	76
Surry	479	404	883	282	31.9	601	130	295	425	270	63.5	155
District Totals	1,576	1,326	2,902	1,132	39.0	1,770	689	824	1,513	724	47.8	789
<i>District 18</i>												
Guilford	2,598	1,980	4,578	1,781	38.9	2,797	627	1,892	2,519	1,643	65.2	876
<i>District 19A</i>												
Cabarrus	696	630	1,326	531	40.0	795	207	397	604	349	57.7	255
Rowan	923	860	1,783	730	40.9	1,053	248	890	1,138	750	65.9	388
District Totals	1,619	1,490	3,109	1,261	40.5	1,848	455	1,287	1,742	1,099	63.0	643

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<i>District 19B</i>												
Montgomery	226	135	361	136	37.6	225	123	159	282	182	64.5	100
Randolph	569	517	1,086	529	48.7	557	201	339	540	338	62.5	202
District Totals	795	652	1,447	665	45.9	782	324	498	822	520	63.2	302
<i>District 20</i>												
Anson	473	176	649	149	22.9	500	114	52	166	41	24.6	125
Moore	656	460	1,116	366	32.7	750	136	258	394	254	64.4	140
Richmond	655	341	996	275	27.6	721	382	206	588	126	21.4	462
Stanly	993	328	1,321	259	19.6	1,062	262	286	548	243	44.3	305
Union	532	348	880	317	36.0	563	177	284	461	228	49.4	233
District Totals	3,309	1,653	4,962	1,366	27.5	3,596	1,071	1,086	2,157	892	41.3	1,265
<i>District 21</i>												
Forsyth	1,901	1,474	3,375	1,434	42.4	1,941	295	1,417	1,712	1,439	84.0	273
<i>District 22</i>												
Alexander	118	115	233	103	44.2	130	106	132	238	136	57.1	102
Davidson	778	642	1,420	623	43.8	797	160	406	566	303	53.5	263
Davie	110	178	288	138	47.9	150	40	122	162	91	56.1	71
Iredell	673	616	1,289	583	45.2	706	150	399	549	419	76.3	130
District Totals	1,679	1,551	3,230	1,447	44.7	1,783	456	1,059	1,515	949	62.6	566
<i>District 23</i>												
Alleghany	93	95	188	91	48.4	97	16	65	81	59	72.8	22
Ashe	161	154	315	176	55.8	139	43	105	148	112	75.6	36
Wilkes	297	260	557	224	40.2	333	213	357	570	242	42.4	328
Yadkin	227	224	451	173	38.3	278	61	143	204	137	67.1	67
District Totals	778	733	1,511	664	43.9	847	333	670	1,003	550	54.8	453
<i>District 24</i>												
Avery	129	87	216	92	42.5	124	72	109	181	104	57.4	77
Madison	151	77	228	76	33.3	152	99	52	151	85	56.2	66
Mitchell	370	138	508	97	19.0	411	65	99	164	83	50.6	81
Watauga	250	151	401	144	35.9	257	97	174	271	153	56.4	118
Yancey	124	103	227	112	49.3	115	49	75	124	64	51.6	60
District Totals	1,024	556	1,580	521	32.9	1,059	382	509	891	489	54.8	402
<i>District 25</i>												
Burke	609	375	984	339	34.4	645	171	529	700	497	71.0	203
Caldwell	578	423	1,001	360	35.9	641	472	332	804	345	42.9	459
Catawba	1,042	607	1,649	590	35.7	1,059	316	452	768	402	52.3	366
District Totals	2,229	1,405	3,634	1,289	35.4	2,345	959	1,313	2,272	1,244	54.7	1,028
<i>District 26</i>												
Mecklenburg	3,570	2,597	6,167	2,595	42.0	3,572	1,294	2,130	3,424	1,765	51.5	1,659
<i>District 27A</i>												
Gaston	1,412	918	2,330	708	30.3	1,622	710	1,008	1,718	895	52.0	823
<i>District 27B</i>												
Cleveland	469	507	976	481	49.2	495	107	536	643	514	79.9	129
Lincoln	256	282	538	260	48.3	278	53	222	275	187	68.0	88
District Totals	725	789	1,514	741	48.9	773	160	758	918	701	76.3	217
<i>District 28</i>												
Buncombe	2,090	1,298	3,388	1,276	37.6	2,112	648	971	1,619	862	53.2	757

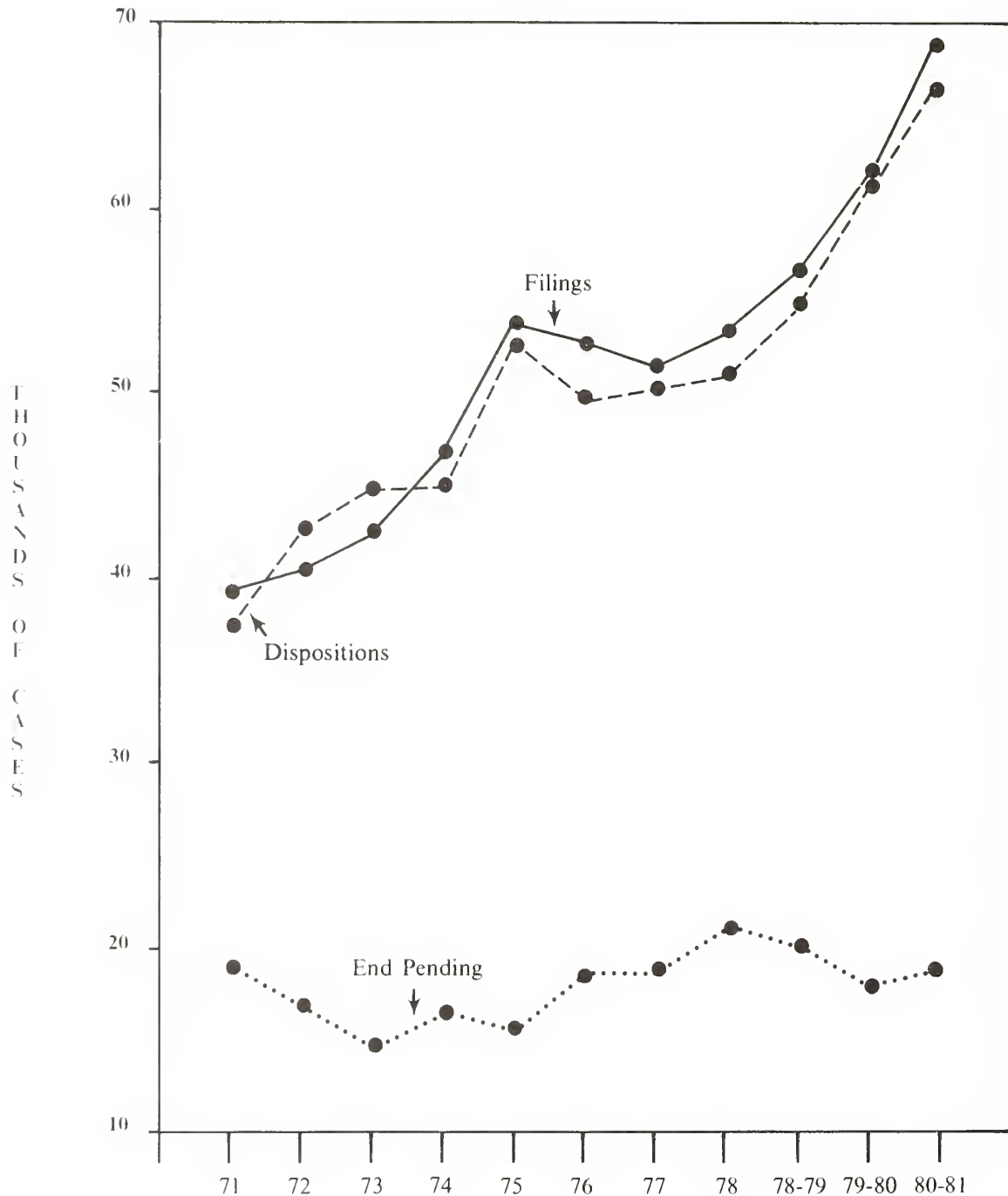
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<i>District 29</i>												
Henderson	513	493	1,006	426	42.3	580	108	264	372	259	69.6	113
McDowell	240	213	453	142	31.3	311	162	180	342	135	39.4	207
Polk	203	141	344	133	38.6	211	26	54	80	58	72.5	22
Rutherford	398	364	762	319	41.8	443	162	359	521	253	48.5	268
Transylvania	344	182	526	136	25.8	390	161	88	249	69	27.7	180
District Totals	1,698	1,393	3,091	1,156	37.3	1,935	619	945	1,564	774	49.4	790
<i>District 30</i>												
Cherokee	260	138	398	90	22.6	308	38	86	124	77	62.0	47
Clay	38	40	78	37	47.4	41	20	31	51	34	66.6	17
Graham	83	39	122	53	43.4	69	19	21	40	19	47.5	21
Haywood	451	296	747	256	34.2	491	163	194	357	147	41.1	210
Jackson	356	127	483	129	26.7	354	161	111	272	140	51.4	132
Macon	356	145	501	148	29.5	353	215	161	376	97	25.7	279
Swain	110	58	168	34	20.2	134	53	61	114	55	48.2	59
District Totals	1,654	843	2,497	747	29.9	1,750	669	665	1,334	569	42.6	765
State Totals	50,235	36,753	86,988	33,830	38.8	53,158	20,196	31,294	51,490	28,656	55.6	22,834

THE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

Caseload Trends Of Criminal Cases In The Superior Courts 1971-1981



The trends in criminal superior caseload, as depicted here, show increasing numbers of cases filed and disposed of. The trends in criminal superior caseload are

largely set by felony cases, since felony cases in superior court substantially outnumber misdemeanor cases appealed from district to superior court.

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<i><u>District 1</u></i>												
Camden	0	22	22	15	68.1	7	9	30	39	30	76.9	9
Chowan	6	186	192	174	90.6	18	21	247	268	212	79.1	56
Currituck	9	29	38	29	76.3	9	28	246	274	225	82.1	49
Dare	10	135	145	105	72.4	40	61	305	366	240	65.5	126
Gates	9	37	46	29	63.0	17	9	55	64	49	76.5	15
Pasquotank	35	164	199	164	82.4	35	82	628	710	648	91.2	62
Perquimans	25	68	93	74	79.5	19	12	129	141	107	75.8	34
District Totals	94	641	735	590	80.2	145	222	1,640	1,862	1,511	81.1	351
<i><u>District 2</u></i>												
Beaufort	89	337	426	329	77.2	97	51	222	273	226	82.7	47
Hyde	12	21	33	26	78.7	7	13	42	55	32	58.1	23
Martin	25	210	235	188	80.0	47	26	74	100	65	65.0	35
Tyrrell	2	8	10	5	50.0	5	2	33	35	27	77.1	8
Washington	44	89	133	115	86.4	18	26	69	95	82	86.3	13
District Totals	172	665	837	663	79.2	174	118	440	558	432	77.4	126
<i><u>District 3</u></i>												
Carteret	57	453	510	453	88.8	57	32	162	194	158	81.4	36
Craven	124	617	741	644	86.9	97	86	272	358	337	94.1	21
Pamlico	13	83	96	73	76.0	23	11	38	49	41	83.6	8
Pitt	152	741	893	757	84.7	136	117	429	546	465	85.1	81
District Totals	346	1,894	2,240	1,927	86.0	313	246	901	1,147	1,001	87.2	146
<i><u>District 4</u></i>												
Duplin	45	267	312	279	89.4	33	24	93	17	96	82.0	21
Jones	4	50	54	53	98.1	1	5	13	18	16	88.8	2
Onslow	176	1,494	1,670	1,388	83.1	282	23	143	166	148	89.1	18
Sampson	30	507	537	430	80.0	107	17	129	146	124	84.9	22
District Totals	255	2,318	2,573	2,150	83.5	423	69	378	447	384	85.9	63
<i><u>District 5</u></i>												
New Hanover	202	1,715	1,917	1,543	80.4	374	146	678	824	714	86.6	110
Pender	76	104	180	166	92.2	14	46	94	140	104	74.2	36
District Totals	278	1,819	2,097	1,709	81.4	388	192	772	964	818	84.8	146
<i><u>District 6</u></i>												
Bertie	29	134	163	93	57.0	70	40	51	91	54	59.3	37
Halifax	103	513	616	500	81.1	116	64	195	259	179	69.1	80
Hertford	52	158	210	183	87.1	27	41	100	141	122	86.5	19
Northampton	48	44	92	67	72.8	25	28	82	110	55	50.0	55
District Totals	232	849	1,081	843	77.9	238	173	428	601	410	68.2	191
<i><u>District 7</u></i>												
Edgecombe	97	269	366	323	88.2	43	136	283	419	385	91.8	34
Nash	120	491	611	512	83.7	99	175	385	560	456	81.4	104
Wilson	179	481	660	494	74.8	166	203	483	686	580	84.5	106
District Totals	396	1,241	1,637	1,329	81.1	308	514	1,151	1,665	1,421	85.3	244
<i><u>District 8</u></i>												
Greene	27	135	162	125	77.1	37	19	66	85	66	77.6	19
Lenoir	71	426	497	399	80.2	98	78	492	570	465	81.5	105
Wayne	169	647	816	723	88.6	93	66	452	518	427	82.4	91
District Totals	267	1,208	1,475	1,247	84.5	228	163	1,010	1,173	958	81.6	215

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<i>District 9</i>												
Franklin	125	239	364	274	75.2	90	184	302	486	269	55.3	217
Granville	103	199	302	209	69.2	93	82	183	265	176	66.4	89
Person	102	198	300	242	80.6	58	119	210	329	183	55.6	146
Vance	146	429	575	368	64.0	207	157	382	539	358	66.4	181
Warren	96	110	206	122	59.2	84	45	108	153	125	81.6	28
District Totals	572	1,175	1,747	1,215	69.5	532	587	1,185	1,772	1,111	62.6	661
<i>District 10</i>												
Wake	731	2,816	3,547	2,447	68.9	1,100	391	1,765	2,156	1,675	77.6	481
<i>District 11</i>												
Harnett	49	235	284	200	70.4	84	21	67	88	52	59.0	36
Johnston	78	337	415	390	93.9	25	54	131	185	158	85.4	27
Lee	82	223	305	216	70.8	89	46	106	152	105	69.0	47
District Totals	209	795	1,004	806	80.2	198	121	304	425	315	74.1	110
<i>District 12</i>												
Cumberland	279	1,478	1,757	1,240	70.5	517	78	566	644	531	82.4	113
Hoke	30	181	211	162	76.7	49	21	94	115	86	74.7	29
District Totals	309	1,659	1,968	1,402	71.2	566	99	660	759	617	81.2	142
<i>District 13</i>												
Bladen	45	98	143	116	81.1	27	70	107	177	135	76.2	42
Brunswick	80	155	235	155	65.9	80	41	131	172	134	77.9	38
Columbus	90	174	264	194	73.4	70	102	209	311	219	70.4	92
District Totals	215	427	642	465	72.4	177	213	447	660	488	73.9	172
<i>District 14</i>												
Durham	186	1,231	1,417	1,048	73.9	369	66	234	300	191	63.6	109
<i>District 15A</i>												
Alamance	211	595	806	655	81.2	151	155	407	562	444	79.0	118
<i>District 15B</i>												
Chatham	13	175	188	134	71.2	54	12	45	57	37	64.9	20
Orange	79	506	585	498	85.1	87	19	205	224	185	82.5	39
District Totals	92	681	773	632	81.7	141	31	250	281	222	79.0	59
<i>District 16</i>												
Robeson	125	1,008	1,133	968	85.4	165	69	327	396	324	81.8	72
Scotland	172	303	475	396	83.3	79	113	157	270	186	68.8	84
District Totals	297	1,311	1,608	1,364	84.8	244	182	484	666	510	76.5	156
<i>District 17</i>												
Caswell	21	152	173	159	91.9	14	29	101	130	112	86.1	18
Rockingham	229	674	903	726	80.3	177	147	683	830	707	85.1	123
Stokes	14	192	206	186	90.2	20	29	192	221	171	77.3	50
Surry	97	502	599	461	76.9	138	165	838	1,003	785	78.2	218
District Totals	361	1,520	1,881	1,532	81.4	349	370	1,814	2,184	1,775	81.3	409
<i>District 18</i>												
Gulford												
Greensboro	841	2,725	3,566	2,875	80.6	691	190	638	828	718	86.7	110
High Point	161	743	904	684	75.6	220	58	273	331	286	86.4	45
District Totals	1,002	3,468	4,470	3,559	79.6	911	248	911	1,159	1,004	86.6	155

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<i>District 19A</i>												
Cabarrus	134	734	868	666	76.7	202	165	672	837	585	69.8	252
Rowan	107	736	843	637	75.5	206	106	489	595	437	73.4	158
District Totals	241	1,470	1,711	1,303	76.1	408	271	1,161	1,432	1,022	71.3	410
<i>District 19B</i>												
Montgomery	12	159	171	122	71.3	49	21	140	161	108	67.0	53
Randolph	96	479	575	331	57.5	244	118	415	533	370	69.4	163
District Totals	108	638	746	453	60.7	293	139	555	694	478	68.8	216
<i>District 20</i>												
Anson	15	175	190	160	84.2	30	24	165	189	153	80.9	36
Moore	56	408	464	320	68.9	144	28	390	418	328	78.4	90
Richmond	63	483	546	499	91.3	47	47	246	293	249	84.9	44
Stanly	60	405	465	373	80.2	92	85	297	382	296	77.4	86
Union	133	603	736	657	89.2	79	48	430	478	419	87.6	59
District Totals	327	2,074	2,401	2,009	83.6	392	232	1,528	1,760	1,445	82.1	315
<i>District 21</i>												
Forsyth	325	1,879	2,204	1,853	84.0	351	169	1,832	2,001	1,564	78.1	437
<i>District 22</i>												
Alexander	18	57	75	73	97.3	2	18	125	143	127	88.8	16
Davidson	98	418	516	443	85.8	73	70	405	475	371	78.1	104
Davie	6	117	123	81	65.8	42	11	80	91	74	81.3	17
Iredell	41	415	456	352	77.1	104	58	426	484	375	77.4	109
District Totals	163	1,007	1,170	949	81.1	221	157	1,036	1,193	947	79.3	246
<i>District 23</i>												
Alleghany	12	12	24	21	87.5	3	13	33	46	35	76.0	11
Ashe	30	37	67	44	65.6	23	22	99	121	84	69.4	37
Wilkes	88	210	298	181	60.7	117	163	256	419	199	47.4	220
Yadkin	92	151	243	193	79.4	50	48	187	235	178	75.7	57
District Totals	222	410	632	439	69.4	193	246	575	821	496	60.4	325
<i>District 24</i>												
Avery	55	69	124	99	79.8	25	16	43	59	38	64.4	21
Madison	32	87	119	84	70.5	35	14	33	47	33	70.2	14
Mitchell	12	83	95	63	66.3	32	1	18	19	15	78.9	4
Watauga	50	186	236	168	71.1	68	8	37	45	30	66.6	15
Yancey	18	42	60	43	71.6	17	21	24	45	25	55.5	20
District Totals	167	467	634	457	72.0	177	60	155	215	141	65.5	74
<i>District 25</i>												
Burke	36	373	409	284	69.4	125	35	178	213	175	82.1	38
Caldwell	70	182	252	185	73.4	67	54	214	268	215	80.2	53
Catawba	231	866	1,097	737	67.1	360	103	362	465	317	68.1	148
District Totals	337	1,421	1,758	1,206	68.6	552	192	754	946	707	74.7	239
<i>District 26</i>												
Mecklenburg	574	2,198	2,772	2,063	74.4	709	196	745	941	751	79.8	190
<i>District 27A</i>												
Gaston	337	1,377	1,714	1,520	88.6	194	64	653	717	619	86.3	98
<i>District 27B</i>												
Cleveland	137	413	550	461	83.8	89	48	216	264	231	87.5	33
Lincoln	28	182	210	190	90.4	20	2	77	79	68	86.0	11
District Totals	165	595	760	651	85.6	109	50	293	343	299	87.1	44

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<i>District 28</i>												
Buncombe	317	1,036	1,353	1,128	83.3	225	63	543	606	545	89.9	61
<i>District 29</i>												
Henderson	55	199	254	164	64.5	90	15	71	86	61	70.9	25
McDowell	49	194	243	121	49.7	122	29	90	119	82	68.9	37
Polk	117	38	155	130	83.8	25	15	43	58	36	62.0	22
Rutherford	69	288	357	248	69.4	109	67	174	241	180	74.6	61
Transylvania	72	102	174	96	55.1	78	22	23	45	25	55.5	20
District Totals	362	821	1,183	759	64.1	424	148	401	549	384	69.9	165
<i>District 30</i>												
Cherokee	35	110	145	96	66.2	49	46	57	103	89	86.4	14
Clay	4	65	69	62	89.8	7	3	16	19	15	78.9	4
Graham	11	37	48	42	87.5	6	22	43	65	34	52.3	31
Haywood	114	456	570	364	63.8	206	120	225	345	255	73.9	90
Jackson	59	266	325	243	74.7	82	52	71	123	68	55.2	55
Macon	56	114	170	134	78.8	36	37	50	87	45	51.7	42
Swain	7	38	45	27	60.0	18	22	19	41	32	78.0	9
District Totals	286	1,086	1,372	968	70.5	404	302	481	783	538	68.7	245
State Totals	10,156	42,792	52,948	41,341	78.0	11,607	6,449	25,893	32,342	25,223	77.9	7,119

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL CASES

1980-81

FELONIES



MISDEMEANORS



Guilty pleas constitute the largest disposition category for criminal superior court cases. The dismissal category, as graphed here, includes speedy trial dismissals

and cases dismissed by the district attorney, both with and without leave.

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal By D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
<i>District 1</i>												
Camden	15	12	2	1	0	0	30	20	1	3	0	6
Chowan	174	77	10	45	0	42	212	70	5	28	0	109
Currituck	29	22	5	1	0	1	225	191	9	25	0	0
Dare	105	86	0	16	0	3	240	165	7	19	0	49
Gates	29	10	8	6	0	5	49	33	5	3	0	8
Pasquotank	164	110	17	30	0	7	648	233	20	91	0	304
Perquimans	74	36	2	35	0	1	107	44	0	20	0	43
District Totals	590	353	44	134	0	59	1,511	756	47	189	0	519
<i>District 2</i>												
Beaufort	329	171	72	52	0	34	226	127	58	20	0	21
Hyde	26	4	6	7	0	9	32	13	12	3	0	4
Martin	188	127	21	34	0	6	65	15	12	7	0	31
Tyrrell	5	2	1	0	0	2	27	13	4	1	0	9
Washington	115	50	20	33	0	12	82	27	31	0	1	23
District Totals	663	354	120	126	0	63	432	195	117	31	1	88
<i>District 3</i>												
Carteret	453	179	22	229	0	23	158	81	13	44	0	20
Craven	644	355	71	199	2	17	337	159	34	76	0	68
Pamlico	73	27	2	31	0	13	41	10	6	20	0	5
Pitt	757	473	35	237	0	12	465	197	38	128	3	99
District Totals	1,927	1,034	130	696	2	65	1,001	447	91	268	3	192
<i>District 4</i>												
Duplin	279	172	39	59	0	9	96	40	19	26	0	11
Jones	53	31	2	19	0	1	16	8	2	3	0	3
Onslow	1,388	583	61	628	0	116	148	42	19	50	0	37
Sampson	430	231	45	146	0	8	124	70	25	16	0	13
District Totals	2,150	1,017	147	852	0	134	384	160	65	95	0	64
<i>District 5</i>												
New Hanover	1,543	1,009	122	389	0	23	714	388	37	193	0	96
Pender	166	132	6	23	0	5	104	51	6	36	0	11
District Totals	1,709	1,141	128	412	0	28	818	439	43	229	0	107
<i>District 6</i>												
Bertie	93	44	8	31	0	10	54	19	4	18	0	13
Halifax	500	171	20	295	0	14	179	45	8	94	0	32
Hertford	183	97	19	61	0	6	122	54	17	27	0	24
Northampton	67	28	5	31	0	3	55	17	1	18	1	18
District Totals	843	340	52	418	0	33	410	135	30	157	1	87
<i>District 7</i>												
Edgecombe	323	209	14	92	1	7	385	240	11	107	0	27
Nash	512	272	17	208	0	15	456	288	14	110	0	44
Wilson	494	290	18	160	1	25	580	341	10	173	0	56
District Totals	1,329	771	49	460	2	47	1,421	869	35	390	0	127
<i>District 8</i>												
Greene	125	54	6	56	0	9	66	34	0	24	0	8
Lenoir	399	157	34	176	0	32	465	152	13	131	0	169
Wayne	723	314	91	309	0	9	427	149	15	190	0	73
District Totals	1,247	525	131	541	0	50	958	335	28	345	0	250

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	Felonies						Misdemeanors					
	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal by D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	Total Disposed	Plea of Guilty (Judge)	Plea of Not Guilty (Jury)	Dismissal By D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other
<i><u>District 9</u></i>												
Franklin	274	146	17	104	0	7	269	141	12	101	0	15
Granville	209	105	19	70	0	15	176	85	4	61	0	26
Person	242	111	23	96	0	12	183	76	2	83	0	22
Vance	368	210	20	129	0	9	358	219	14	105	1	19
Warren	122	59	11	47	0	5	125	56	8	31	0	30
District Totals	1,215	631	90	446	0	48	1,111	577	40	381	1	112
<i><u>District 10</u></i>												
Wake	2,447	1,027	127	1,239	0	54	1,675	519	70	604	0	482
<i><u>District 11</u></i>												
Harnett	200	131	29	37	0	3	52	18	8	10	0	16
Johnston	390	279	19	70	0	22	158	70	14	32	0	42
Lee	216	137	24	49	0	6	105	43	6	22	0	34
District Totals	806	547	72	156	0	31	315	131	28	64	0	92
<i><u>District 12</u></i>												
Cumberland	1,240	791	91	320	0	38	531	245	65	121	0	100
Hoke	162	89	8	24	0	41	86	50	5	22	0	9
District Totals	1,402	880	99	344	0	79	617	295	70	143	0	109
<i><u>District 13</u></i>												
Bladen	116	68	14	20	0	14	135	71	16	22	0	26
Brunswick	155	96	10	42	0	7	134	63	5	37	0	29
Columbus	194	99	24	41	0	30	219	90	14	68	0	47
District Totals	465	263	48	103	0	51	488	224	35	127	0	102
<i><u>District 14</u></i>												
Durham	1,048	554	92	393	3	6	191	43	25	61	5	57
<i><u>District 15A</u></i>												
Alamance	655	256	69	303	1	26	444	158	53	207	0	26
<i><u>District 15B</u></i>												
Chatham	134	79	10	35	0	10	37	13	6	8	0	10
Orange	498	262	31	151	0	54	185	94	6	35	0	50
District Totals	632	341	41	186	0	64	222	107	12	43	0	60
<i><u>District 16</u></i>												
Robeson	968	760	111	60	1	36	324	137	55	23	0	109
Scotland	396	305	20	36	0	35	186	141	7	19	0	19
District Totals	1,364	1,065	131	96	1	71	510	278	62	42	0	128
<i><u>District 17</u></i>												
Caswell	159	144	3	10	0	2	112	82	2	16	0	12
Rockingham	726	537	29	145	0	15	707	369	17	94	0	227
Stokes	186	155	10	15	0	6	171	82	2	16	0	71
Surry	461	362	12	62	0	25	785	358	4	107	0	316
District Totals	1,532	1,198	54	232	0	48	1,775	891	25	233	0	626
<i><u>District 18</u></i>												
Guilford												
Greensboro	2,875	1,683	207	934	0	51	718	389	38	187	0	104
High Point	684	375	21	269	0	19	286	154	12	52	0	68
District Totals	3,559	2,058	228	1,203	0	70	1,004	543	50	239	0	172

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<i>District 19A</i>												
Cabarrus	666	482	17	157	0	10	585	290	11	113	0	171
Rowan	637	416	17	182	0	22	437	266	14	93	0	64
District Totals	1,303	898	34	339	0	32	1,022	556	25	206	0	235
<i>District 19B</i>												
Montgomery	122	74	13	33	0	2	108	53	10	22	0	23
Randolph	331	239	23	61	0	8	370	153	14	92	3	108
District Totals	453	313	36	94	0	10	478	206	24	114	3	131
<i>District 20</i>												
Anson	160	103	8	45	0	4	153	69	6	38	0	40
Moore	320	179	12	120	0	9	328	178	7	87	0	56
Richmond	499	231	26	232	0	10	249	80	12	100	0	57
Stanly	373	198	24	130	0	21	296	197	2	66	0	31
Union	657	248	52	333	0	24	419	186	12	148	0	73
District Totals	2,009	959	122	860	0	68	1,445	710	39	439	0	257
<i>District 21</i>												
Forsyth	1,853	1,415	106	272	0	60	1,564	992	42	269	0	261
<i>District 22</i>												
Alexander	73	47	1	15	0	10	127	52	8	24	0	43
Davidson	443	338	11	65	0	29	371	156	16	68	0	131
Davie	81	60	7	10	0	4	74	31	2	15	0	26
Iredell	352	257	20	40	0	35	375	186	20	73	0	96
District Totals	949	702	39	130	0	78	947	425	46	180	0	296
<i>District 23</i>												
Alleghany	21	6	0	10	0	5	35	20	0	10	0	5
Ashe	44	21	3	8	0	12	84	37	5	19	0	23
Wilkes	181	113	18	29	0	21	199	96	15	31	0	57
Yadkin	193	123	6	54	0	10	178	78	6	27	0	67
District Totals	439	263	27	101	0	48	496	231	26	87	0	152
<i>District 24</i>												
Avery	99	42	8	47	0	2	38	12	4	11	0	11
Madison	84	29	13	39	0	3	33	7	7	15	0	4
Mitchell	63	35	10	16	0	2	15	5	0	1	0	9
Watauga	168	83	11	71	0	3	30	16	3	6	0	5
Yancey	43	21	0	22	0	0	25	10	2	11	0	2
District Totals	457	210	42	195	0	10	141	50	16	44	0	31
<i>District 25</i>												
Burke	284	140	36	98	0	10	175	85	4	52	0	34
Caldwell	185	75	13	85	0	12	215	101	17	26	0	71
Catawba	737	448	31	237	1	20	317	155	19	65	0	78
District Totals	1,206	663	80	420	1	42	707	341	40	143	0	183
<i>District 26</i>												
Mecklenburg	2,063	987	156	848	6	65	751	260	63	255	3	170
<i>District 27A</i>												
Gaston	1,520	773	115	593	4	35	619	293	82	140	7	97
<i>District 27B</i>												
Cleveland	461	212	50	187	0	12	231	84	19	79	0	49
Lincoln	190	101	18	59	0	12	68	15	12	35	0	6
District Totals	651	313	68	246	0	24	299	99	31	114	0	55

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<i>District 28</i>												
Buncombe	1,128	863	49	89	0	127	545	355	15	10	0	165
<i>District 29</i>												
Henderson	164	82	12	59	0	11	61	24	6	19	0	12
McDowell	121	71	7	29	0	14	82	35	13	11	1	22
Polk	130	31	15	82	0	2	36	10	3	18	0	5
Rutherford	248	129	34	65	0	20	180	73	10	38	0	59
Transylvania	96	43	12	39	1	1	25	6	2	11	0	6
District Totals	759	356	80	274	1	48	384	148	34	97	1	104
<i>District 30</i>												
Cherokee	96	70	1	20	0	5	89	49	0	40	0	0
Clay	62	23	1	8	0	30	15	8	0	3	0	4
Graham	42	18	0	8	0	16	34	17	2	8	0	7
Haywood	364	237	18	105	0	4	255	163	8	79	0	5
Jackson	243	128	5	44	0	66	68	42	6	17	0	3
Macon	134	61	1	47	0	25	45	23	1	11	0	10
Swain	27	15	4	7	0	1	32	21	1	7	0	3
District Totals	968	552	30	239	0	147	538	323	18	165	0	32
State Totals	41,341	23,621	2,837	13,040	22	1,821	25,223	12,091	1,427	6,111	24	5,570

AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)											
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed			Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed								
				0-60	61-120	121-180			181-365	> 365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365		
District 1																	
Camden	FEL	7	72.3	18.0	4	2	0	1	0	15	71.9	54.0	9	4	0	2	0
	MIS	9	99.7	62.0	2	3	2	2	0	30	55.0	51.0	17	10	2	1	0
Chowan	FEL	18	161.8	84.0	5	5	5	1	2	174	70.7	57.0	99	59	8	6	2
	MIS	56	67.5	42.0	35	12	5	4	0	212	61.1	42.0	124	61	18	6	3
Currituck	FEL	9	55.0	35.0	5	4	0	0	0	29	90.4	43.0	17	5	2	4	1
	MIS	49	55.1	41.0	36	9	1	3	0	225	49.4	40.0	146	58	14	7	0
Dare	FEL	40	135.1	130.0	0	0	38	2	0	105	61.6	53.0	62	35	7	1	0
	MIS	126	56.5	39.0	78	36	6	6	0	240	95.7	80.0	80	87	52	19	0
Gates	FEL	17	304.5	57.0	9	2	0	1	5	29	50.7	35.0	23	3	2	1	0
	MIS	15	84.7	70.0	7	4	3	1	0	49	87.6	70.0	18	24	3	2	2
Pasquotank	FEL	35	245.1	81.0	17	1	0	5	12	164	85.6	67.0	71	46	32	14	1
	MIS	62	46.6	40.0	48	13	0	1	0	648	56.3	45.0	377	207	33	30	1
Perquimans	FEL	19	81.5	69.0	7	9	1	2	0	74	76.8	83.5	27	38	3	6	0
	MIS	34	90.0	69.0	14	10	5	5	0	107	65.1	54.0	57	38	8	4	0
District Totals		FEL	145	169.8	130.0	47	23	44	12	19	590	74.0	308	190	54	34	4
		MIS	351	61.9	42.0	220	87	22	22	0	1,511	63.8	819	485	130	69	8
District 2																	
Beaufort	FEL	97	32.7	28.0	81	12	4	0	0	329	83.4	51.0	210	68	14	33	4
	MIS	47	52.4	35.0	32	10	4	1	0	226	87.3	61.0	107	77	23	15	4
Hyde	FEL	7	108.1	106.0	1	4	2	0	0	26	253.5	96.0	10	4	3	1	8
	MIS	23	97.3	102.0	5	9	8	1	0	32	117.0	67.5	13	12	1	1	5
Martin	FEL	47	112.6	76.0	21	18	4	3	1	188	82.6	94.0	77	101	7	3	0
	MIS	35	158.0	106.0	9	10	8	4	4	65	100.8	68.0	27	22	7	5	4
Tyrrell	FEL	5	202.2	161.0	0	2	2	0	1	5	116.8	17.0	3	1	0	0	1
	MIS	8	135.1	78.0	3	2	0	3	0	27	97.6	88.0	9	10	6	2	0
Washington	FEL	18	61.7	26.0	16	1	0	0	1	115	124.8	90.0	38	22	30	22	3
	MIS	13	246.3	89.0	6	1	1	2	3	82	99.3	59.0	50	12	15	3	2
District Totals		FEL	174	65.2	43.0	119	37	12	3	663	97.3	58.0	338	196	54	59	16
		MIS	126	115.2	70.0	55	32	21	11	432	94.5	62.5	206	133	52	26	15
District 3																	
Carteret	FEL	57	184.5	96.0	24	9	6	9	9	453	71.0	56.0	245	147	27	30	4
	MIS	36	207.2	43.0	20	0	4	4	8	158	73.2	53.0	88	53	12	3	2
Craven	FEL	97	81.6	54.0	51	20	6	20	0	644	88.8	76.0	257	237	91	59	0
	MIS	21	63.8	29.0	18	1	0	1	1	337	72.8	50.0	196	82	25	34	0
Pamlico	FEL	23	89.7	85.0	9	11	1	2	0	73	110.3	103.0	5	46	18	4	0
	MIS	8	32.3	23.5	8	0	0	0	0	41	162.5	103.0	10	24	3	3	1
Pitt	FEL	136	122.8	62.0	65	29	17	15	10	757	82.1	48.0	450	193	47	51	16
	MIS	81	109.2	96.0	37	22	8	10	4	465	76.3	48.0	277	108	42	25	13
District Totals		FEL	313	118.8	63.0	149	69	30	46	1,927	82.8	61.0	957	623	183	144	20
		MIS	146	122.6	53.0	83	23	12	15	1,001	78.2	50.0	571	267	82	65	16

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)												
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120			181-365	> 365	Total Disposed								
						61-120	121-180	181-365											
District 4																			
Duplin	FEL	33	89.0	29.0	25	1	3	1	3	189	47	11	19	13					
	MIS	21	92.4	57.0	11	2	6	2	0	51	24	4	4	13					
	FEL	1	46.0	46.0	1	0	0	0	0	33	14	3	2	1					
	MIS	2	28.5	28.5	2	0	0	0	0	6	7	1	2	0					
Onslow	FEL	282	71.1	52.0	142	108	19	11	2	969	340	62	16	1					
	MIS	18	36.8	31.5	16	2	0	0	0	97	41	9	1	0					
Sampson	FEL	107	94.5	74.0	48	42	5	7	5	316	85	23	6	0					
	MIS	22	340.4	205.5	7	0	1	7	7	100	12	11	1	0					
District Totals	FEL	423	78.4	54.0	216	151	27	19	10	1,507	486	99	43	15					
	MIS	63	161.1	50.0	36	4	7	9	7	254	84	25	8	13					
District 5																			
New Hanover	FEL	374	111.1	63.0	172	124	32	22	24	1,023	352	93	64	11					
	MIS	110	89.4	47.0	75	14	8	6	7	492	169	27	14	12					
Pender	FEL	14	703.5	209.0	4	1	2	2	5	95	26	10	34	1					
	MIS	36	109.1	39.5	25	4	2	3	2	44	20	10	30	0					
District Totals	FEL	388	132.5	63.0	176	125	34	24	29	1,118	378	103	98	12					
	MIS	146	94.3	47.0	100	18	10	9	9	536	189	37	44	12					
District 6																			
Bertie	FEL	70	245.8	151.0	23	3	15	12	17	41	22	17	10	3					
	MIS	37	431.4	616.0	9	2	0	2	24	13	23	5	5	8					
Halifax	FEL	116	136.5	98.0	40	27	30	8	11	259	165	23	19	34					
	MIS	80	90.0	50.0	44	17	7	10	2	86	36	17	9	31					
Hertford	FEL	27	70.8	1.0	20	1	0	5	1	125	42	9	6	1					
	MIS	19	164.1	119.0	6	4	1	7	1	70	33	9	9	1					
Northampton	FEL	25	96.2	54.0	13	5	4	2	1	14	18	24	10	1					
	MIS	55	61.0	54.0	42	8	5	0	0	18	19	10	4	4					
District Totals	FEL	238	157.0	103.5	96	36	49	27	30	439	247	73	45	39					
	MIS	191	155.2	54.0	101	31	13	19	27	187	111	41	27	44					
District 7																			
Edgecombe	FEL	43	56.9	32.0	31	6	6	0	0	136	72	59	42	14					
	MIS	34	66.4	26.0	23	7	0	4	0	181	89	56	44	15					
Nash	FEL	99	194.4	74.0	34	38	6	11	10	182	153	63	100	14					
	MIS	104	271.2	62.0	48	23	7	8	18	163	89	111	69	24					
Wilson	FEL	166	140.2	74.0	72	40	2	40	12	141	167	76	98	12					
	MIS	106	141.6	85.0	47	19	8	23	9	210	198	78	79	15					
District Totals	FEL	308	146.0	62.0	137	84	14	51	22	459	392	198	240	40					
	MIS	244	186.4	62.0	118	49	15	35	27	554	376	245	192	54					

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)								Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)							
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365		Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	
District 8																		
Greene	FEL	37	89.3	46.0	24	4	6	1	2	125	88.4	70.0	52	42	12	19	0	
	MIS	19	149.3	102.0	4	6	5	1	3	66	104.6	85.0	27	16	12	11	0	
Lenoir	FEL	98	80.7	58.5	49	32	11	6	0	399	67.3	50.0	227	93	66	13	0	
	MIS	105	62.4	64.0	43	58	4	0	0	465	59.9	43.0	295	107	42	21	0	
Wayne	FEL	93	97.9	78.0	40	22	12	19	0	723	93.6	64.0	339	238	58	64	24	
	MIS	91	57.9	35.0	58	23	9	1	0	427	58.7	33.0	294	66	38	28	1	
District Totals		FEL	228	89.1	63.0	113	58	29	26	2	1,247	84.7	61.0	618	373	136	96	
		MIS	215	68.2	63.0	105	87	18	2	3	958	62.4	42.0	616	189	92	60	
District 9																		
Franklin	FEL	90	193.2	172.5	16	21	12	34	7	274	199.4	134.0	61	62	46	54	51	
	MIS	217	189.7	141.0	38	57	41	57	24	269	233.0	169.0	29	58	57	73	52	
Granville	FEL	93	220.9	99.0	42	9	16	13	13	209	172.5	120.0	42	64	26	54	23	
	MIS	89	205.8	160.0	15	17	14	31	12	176	217.2	182.0	25	38	22	69	22	
Person	FEL	58	172.7	120.0	15	20	4	15	4	242	180.8	115.0	61	67	43	35	36	
	MIS	146	195.2	124.0	36	27	30	29	24	183	185.4	161.0	27	35	41	67	13	
Vance	FEL	207	178.4	78.0	83	35	10	60	19	368	185.5	127.5	93	81	68	58	68	
	MIS	181	192.1	98.0	51	54	12	36	28	358	172.4	138.0	70	93	67	104	24	
Warren	FEL	84	226.9	91.0	0	61	1	10	12	122	256.0	104.0	23	47	8	15	29	
	MIS	28	261.9	158.0	0	13	2	10	3	125	193.4	152.0	17	33	22	41	12	
District Totals		FEL	532	195.4	97.0	146	43	132	55	1,215	192.5	122.0	280	321	191	216	207	
		MIS	661	196.8	134.0	140	168	99	91	1,111	198.7	155.0	168	257	209	354	123	
District 10																		
Wake	FEL	1,100	166.5	112.0	238	333	174	303	52	2,447	120.8	87.0	752	905	448	252	90	
	MIS	481	85.8	56.0	251	162	36	20	12	1,675	69.9	51.0	963	446	176	72	18	
District 11																		
Harnett	FEL	84	160.8	92.0	10	41	10	16	7	200	63.0	55.0	116	58	20	6	0	
	MIS	36	155.5	56.0	21	7	2	4	2	52	76.8	62.0	25	20	3	4	0	
Johnston	FEL	25	99.0	43.0	13	4	4	4	0	390	75.7	46.5	238	92	27	20	13	
	MIS	27	74.4	40.0	20	3	2	1	1	158	79.7	57.5	87	46	14	10	1	
Lee	FEL	89	216.5	126.0	20	23	13	8	25	216	90.2	77.0	84	70	38	23	1	
	MIS	47	330.4	313.0	6	7	8	4	22	105	84.9	60.0	55	23	14	13	0	
District Totals		FEL	198	178.0	102.0	43	68	27	32	806	76.4	53.0	438	220	85	49	14	
		MIS	110	210.3	960.0	47	17	12	25	315	81.0	60.0	167	89	31	27	1	
District 12																		
Cumberland	FEL	517	84.6	50.0	282	114	87	24	10	1,240	94.1	74.0	415	575	137	95	18	
	MIS	113	68.9	34.0	75	17	10	10	1	531	85.2	81.0	199	266	31	33	2	
Hoke	FEL	49	162.3	117.0	12	13	5	16	3	162	97.7	77.0	69	42	27	24	0	
	MIS	29	70.5	89.0	10	18	1	0	0	86	133.9	102.0	27	21	16	22	0	
District Totals		FEL	566	91.3	50.0	294	127	92	13	1,402	94.5	117.0	484	617	164	119	18	
		MIS	142	69.2	42.5	85	35	11	1	617	92.0	86.0	226	287	47	55	2	

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)						Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)									
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 13																	
	Bladen	FEL 27	139.3	104.0	10	5	8	2	2	116	103.7	81.0	36	42	25	12	1
		MIS 42	198.5	135.0	15	2	15	5	5	135	138.3	133.0	29	36	37	27	6
	Brunswick	FEL 80	185.8	199.0	19	16	2	43	0	155	140.1	126.0	17	58	39	38	3
		MIS 38	105.2	94.0	13	14	6	5	0	134	104.9	75.0	41	49	17	27	0
	Columbus	FEL 70	121.3	93.0	22	23	13	8	4	194	164.1	123.0	46	48	33	48	19
		MIS 92	115.1	65.5	43	26	14	1	8	219	168.4	134.0	52	34	58	58	17
	District Totals	FEL 177	153.2	113.0	51	44	23	53	6	465	141.0	73.0	99	148	97	98	23
		MIS 172	133.3	83.5	71	42	35	11	13	488	142.6	123.0	122	119	112	112	23
District 14																	
	Durham	FEL 369	108.7	50.0	189	90	30	32	28	1,048	91.2	73.0	413	372	155	86	22
		MIS 109	138.6	85.0	40	30	17	11	11	191	96.3	80.0	71	74	24	18	4
District 15A																	
	Alamance	FEL 151	145.2	99.0	46	68	20	10	7	655	96.8	87.0	156	331	133	25	10
		MIS 118	80.8	63.0	51	59	5	0	3	444	109.2	99.0	98	174	121	47	4
District 15B																	
	Chatham	FEL 54	42.4	1.0	43	6	4	0	1	134	66.9	59.5	67	47	12	8	0
		MIS 20	50.5	18.0	16	3	0	0	1	37	84.1	73.0	16	13	4	4	0
	Orange	FEL 87	91.7	69.0	42	25	14	1	5	498	74.1	63.0	242	168	57	30	1
		MIS 39	56.6	55.0	20	19	0	0	0	185	63.9	73.0	77	88	16	4	0
	District Totals	FEL 141	72.8	34.0	85	31	18	1	6	632	72.6	76.0	309	215	69	38	1
		MIS 59	54.5	48.0	36	22	0	0	1	222	67.3	73.0	93	101	20	8	0
District 16																	
	Robeson	FEL 165	50.8	46.0	105	50	6	3	1	968	86.7	67.5	427	343	100	79	19
		MIS 72	84.7	48.0	42	21	3	1	5	324	89.3	54.0	176	78	32	33	5
	Scotland	FEL 79	303.2	175.0	25	9	8	22	15	396	133.1	101.5	60	163	92	68	13
		MIS 84	265.2	118.0	13	29	6	14	22	186	157.6	109.0	35	65	31	42	13
	District Totals	FEL 244	132.5	50.0	130	59	14	25	16	1,364	100.2	79.0	487	506	192	147	32
		MIS 156	181.9	76.5	55	50	9	15	27	510	114.2	71.0	211	143	63	75	18
District 17																	
	Caswell	FEL 14	189.6	133.0	3	3	3	3	2	159	86.3	58.0	80	48	9	21	1
		MIS 18	239.6	286.0	5	0	1	9	3	112	85.5	59.0	59	25	14	14	0
	Rockingham	FEL 177	126.1	113.0	50	59	35	28	5	726	108.6	84.0	223	332	51	109	11
		MIS 123	77.4	34.0	82	10	13	16	2	707	71.4	58.0	360	248	75	21	3
	Stokes	FEL 20	81.1	54.5	14	2	2	2	0	186	98.8	78.0	55	85	24	21	1
		MIS 50	96.6	59.5	25	8	9	7	1	171	98.1	85.0	53	65	29	24	0
	Surry	FEL 138	157.5	121.0	27	42	19	46	4	461	105.6	82.0	138	188	70	58	7
		MIS 218	142.7	105.0	81	37	31	57	12	785	88.6	82.0	301	262	120	99	3
	District Totals	FEL 349	138.6	110.0	94	106	59	79	11	1,532	104.2	79.0	496	653	154	209	20
		MIS 409	121.7	75.0	193	55	54	89	18	1,775	82.4	69.0	773	600	238	158	6

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District 18		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)											
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120		121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age		Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
Guilford	FEL	691	134.6	83.0	258	225	82	58	68	2,875	122.4	97.0	874	970	519	420	92		
	MIS	110	113.2	48.0	66	17	10	8	9	718	89.0	65.0	329	236	80	57	16		
	FEL	220	98.6	69.0	93	61	31	34	1	684	110.7	93.0	230	206	154	86	8		
	MIS	45	73.0	28.0	29	7	2	7	0	286	79.1	68.0	129	108	27	22	0		
	District Totals	FEL	911	125.9	78.0	351	286	113	92	69	3,559	120.2	96.0	1,104	1,176	673	506	100	
MIS	155	101.5	41.0	95	24	12	15	9	9	1,004	86.2	67.0	458	344	107	79	16		
District 19A																			
Carbarrus	FEL	202	157.3	64.0	86	33	20	48	15	666	76.4	68.5	297	258	78	33	0		
	MIS	252	139.3	98.0	81	85	34	27	25	585	80.1	71.0	224	276	57	26	2		
	FEL	206	173.3	62.0	103	36	31	16	20	637	91.1	61.0	314	210	53	33	27		
	MIS	158	152.3	57.0	83	28	13	27	7	437	121.2	62.0	213	119	49	26	30		
	District Totals	FEL	408	165.4	64.0	189	69	51	64	35	1,303	83.6	63.0	611	468	131	66	27	
MIS	410	144.3	82.0	164	113	47	54	32	32	1,022	97.7	68.0	437	395	106	52	32		
District 19B																			
Montgomery	FEL	49	211.2	202.0	14	3	6	22	4	122	86.7	74.5	58	36	11	17	0		
	MIS	53	136.3	49.0	32	0	10	5	6	108	91.8	82.0	46	37	12	13	0		
	FEL	244	170.8	113.0	57	90	41	37	19	331	125.2	109.0	61	139	59	61	11		
	MIS	163	146.1	118.0	50	34	36	32	11	370	125.3	100.0	83	147	51	81	8		
	District Totals	FEL	293	177.6	113.0	71	93	47	59	23	453	114.8	98.0	119	175	70	78	11	
MIS	216	143.7	111.0	82	34	46	37	17	17	478	117.7	97.0	129	184	63	94	8		
District 20																			
Anson	FEL	30	55.0	33.0	24	4	0	1	1	160	59.8	54.0	87	59	10	4	0		
	MIS	36	47.2	22.5	27	6	2	1	0	153	70.1	53.0	92	40	10	11	0		
	FEL	144	130.1	34.0	91	14	18	11	10	320	70.1	42.0	198	68	37	15	2		
	MIS	90	95.4	54.0	48	14	12	14	2	328	80.5	59.0	165	117	32	11	3		
	Richmond	FEL	47	74.6	61.0	23	15	4	5	0	499	73.7	54.0	280	125	66	24	4	
MIS	44	93.9	41.0	26	10	1	6	1	1	249	72.5	49.0	152	58	18	20	1		
Stanly	FEL	92	107.2	50.0	48	13	13	14	4	373	86.1	65.0	159	162	27	18	7		
	MIS	86	135.2	82.0	35	20	15	9	7	296	114.6	80.0	101	105	54	19	17		
	FEL	79	266.0	33.0	44	8	2	2	23	657	79.0	56.0	342	249	36	15	15		
	MIS	59	67.3	22.0	44	3	6	4	2	419	62.0	47.0	265	121	13	18	2		
	District Totals	FEL	392	139.7	34.0	230	54	37	33	38	2,009	76.1	56.0	1,066	663	176	76	28	
MIS	315	95.3	48.0	180	53	36	34	12	12	1,445	79.6	56.0	775	441	127	79	23		
District 21																			
Forsyth	FEL	351	66.4	47.0	206	100	27	17	1	1,853	65.2	51.0	1,110	521	142	75	5		
	MIS	437	40.7	21.0	387	22	11	14	3	1,564	49.4	38.0	1,205	257	63	37	2		

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		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)												
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed			Mean Age	Median Age	Total Disposed									
					0-60	61-120	121-180			181-365	> 365	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365			
District 22																			
Alexander	FEL	2	224.0	223.5	1	0	0	0	1	73	74.4	51.0	41	16	14	2	0	0	0
	MIS	16	125.6	29.0	15	0	0	0	1	127	89.7	58.0	80	26	12	3	6	6	6
Davidson	FEL	73	142.2	82.0	18	34	11	5	5	443	111.8	103.0	144	135	83	73	8	8	8
	MIS	104	52.0	39.0	69	24	7	4	0	371	67.2	49.0	207	99	43	21	1	1	1
Davie	FEL	42	84.8	83.0	16	20	0	6	0	81	64.0	56.0	42	32	4	3	0	0	0
	MIS	17	43.8	35.0	14	2	1	0	0	74	82.8	77.0	29	33	5	7	0	0	0
Iredell	FEL	104	81.0	46.0	57	24	12	11	0	352	113.3	64.5	165	113	33	31	10	10	10
	MIS	109	100.6	81.0	44	23	36	3	3	375	62.8	41.0	255	77	27	16	0	0	0
District Totals		FEL	221	103.2	83.0	92	78	23	22	949	105.4	74.0	392	296	134	109	18	18	18
	MIS	246	77.8	50.0	142	49	44	7	4	947	69.7	49.0	571	235	87	47	7	7	7
District 23																			
Alleghany	FEL	3	296.3	335.0	1	0	0	1	1	21	210.5	184.0	3	5	0	11	2	2	2
	MIS	11	191.2	195.0	3	2	0	3	3	35	137.5	145.0	13	2	9	10	1	1	1
Ashe	FEL	23	225.4	117.0	6	6	3	1	7	44	105.4	70.0	13	20	1	9	1	1	1
	MIS	37	135.0	117.0	18	1	9	8	1	84	105.4	66.0	41	18	12	11	2	2	2
Wilkes	FEL	117	263.9	272.0	39	0	0	53	25	181	112.5	87.0	50	62	42	21	6	6	6
	MIS	220	254.3	257.0	79	0	0	74	67	199	109.1	79.0	56	69	52	16	6	6	6
Yadkin	FEL	50	144.0	83.0	8	19	11	1	1	193	142.8	129.0	34	39	87	26	7	7	7
	MIS	57	130.9	76.0	24	14	8	8	3	178	99.2	77.0	61	63	31	22	1	1	1
District Totals		FEL	193	228.8	201.0	54	25	14	66	439	129.8	112.0	100	126	130	67	16	16	16
	MIS	325	216.9	195.0	124	17	17	93	74	496	106.9	77.0	171	152	104	59	10	10	10
District 24																			
Avery	FEL	25	328.2	82.0	10	4	0	3	8	99	151.4	113.0	25	29	10	32	3	3	3
	MIS	21	224.6	147.0	4	6	3	5	3	38	126.0	90.0	12	11	6	8	1	1	1
Madison	FEL	35	785.8	496.0	3	9	1	0	22	84	152.9	138.5	17	18	28	16	5	5	5
	MIS	14	162.6	75.0	2	7	0	4	1	33	167.7	62.0	14	5	3	6	5	5	5
Mitchell	FEL	32	90.8	48.0	26	1	0	3	2	63	84.4	79.0	12	40	9	2	0	0	0
	MIS	4	114.0	38.0	3	0	0	1	0	15	114.3	83.0	6	3	2	4	0	0	0
Watauga	FEL	68	160.1	103.0	23	22	4	12	7	168	105.6	75.0	64	54	20	27	3	3	3
	MIS	15	177.7	106.0	4	5	2	2	2	30	86.0	80.0	11	14	3	1	1	1	1
Yancey	FEL	17	223.1	134.0	4	0	5	5	3	43	130.4	62.0	20	9	4	6	4	4	4
	MIS	20	123.0	110.5	5	9	3	2	1	25	299.5	258.0	6	2	1	6	10	10	10
District Totals		FEL	177	301.1	103.0	66	36	10	23	457	123.6	85.0	138	150	71	83	15	15	15
	MIS	74	169.9	99.0	18	27	8	14	7	141	156.8	87.0	49	35	15	25	7	7	7

AGES OF FELONY (FEL) AND MISDEMEANOR (MIS) CASES IN THE SUPERIOR COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

		Ages of Pending Cases (Days)							Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 30																	
Cherokee	FEL	49	93.4	84.0	9	29	8	3	0	96	214.2	105.0	24	30	14	10	18
	MIS	14	145.8	129.0	1	6	2	5	0	89	243.7	161.0	3	35	12	26	13
Clay	FEL	7	245.0	257.0	0	0	1	6	0	62	89.2	21.0	33	10	1	17	1
	MIS	4	94.2	75.0	1	2	1	0	0	15	148.5	87.0	1	8	1	4	1
Graham	FEL	6	189.8	92.5	0	4	0	1	1	42	72.3	41.0	30	5	4	1	2
	MIS	31	234.7	182.0	7	5	3	8	8	34	211.2	165.0	10	3	7	8	6
Haywood	FEL	206	277.9	147.0	70	28	16	46	46	364	109.1	84.0	136	123	50	51	4
	MIS	90	278.5	153.0	23	15	10	25	17	255	206.7	110.0	64	76	30	36	49
Jackson	FEL	82	209.5	155.0	9	8	42	8	15	243	77.9	48.0	168	26	25	15	9
	MIS	55	288.3	162.0	5	5	19	12	14	68	205.5	158.5	2	18	18	21	9
Macon	FEL	36	346.4	372.0	0	12	1	5	18	134	122.1	46.0	74	14	17	19	10
	MIS	42	283.8	262.0	5	9	2	15	11	45	195.6	136.0	5	13	9	11	7
Swain	FEL	18	179.4	132.0	3	5	4	3	3	27	95.9	33.0	16	2	0	8	1
	MIS	9	146.2	92.0	4	1	1	1	2	32	178.3	122.0	5	10	5	8	4
District Totals	FEL	404	241.5	155.0	91	86	72	72	83	96.8	110.3	63.0	481	210	111	121	45
	MIS	245	260.6	162.0	46	43	38	66	52	538	208.7	130.5	90	163	82	114	89
State Totals	FEL	11,607	143.9	81.0	4,649	2,947	1,444	1,671	896	41,341	100.4	71.0	17,103	13,960	5,333	3,794	1,151
	MIS	7,119	133.0	64.0	3,396	1,514	730	874	605	25,223	93.7	64.0	12,008	7,415	2,906	2,226	668

PART IV, Section 2

District Court Division

Caseflow Data

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

This section contains data tables and accompanying charts depicting the caseload in 1980-81 of cases filed and disposed of in the State's district courts, including those handled by magistrates.

When the plaintiff in a civil case requests, and the amount in controversy does not exceed \$1,000, the case may be classified as a "small claim" civil action and assigned to a magistrate for hearing. Magistrates also have certain criminal case jurisdiction. They may accept written appearance and waiver of trial, with plea of guilty, and enter judgment in accord with the schedule of fines promulgated by chief district judges for traffic offenses. Also, magistrates may accept guilty pleas in other misdemeanor cases where the judgment cannot be in excess of 30 days or \$50 fine; and may hear and enter judgment in worthless check cases where the amount involved is \$500 or less, and any prison sentence imposed does not exceed 30 days.

Appeals from magistrates' judgments in both civil and criminal cases are to the district court, with a district court judge presiding.

This section contains data on three major case classifications in the district court division: civil cases, juvenile proceedings, and criminal cases. Civil cases include cases assigned to magistrates (small claims as defined above), domestic relations cases (chiefly concerned with annulments, divorces, alimony, custody and support of children), and "general civil" cases. Juvenile proceedings are classified in accordance with the nature of the offense or condition alleged in the petition which initiates the case. District court criminal cases are divided into motor vehicle cases (where the offense charged is defined in Chapter 20 of the North Carolina General Statutes) and non-motor criminal cases.

As the pie charts on the following page illustrate, district court criminal cases filed and disposed of in the 1980-81 year greatly out-numbered civil cases. Motor vehicle criminal cases constituted slightly more than

one-half of total filings and dispositions, and the non-motor vehicle criminal cases amounted to twenty-six and a half per cent. The greatest portion of civil cases were small claims referred to magistrates. This pattern is consistent with that of previous years.

The large volume categories of criminal motor-vehicle and civil magistrate cases are not reported by case file numbers. Therefore, it is not possible to obtain, by computer processing, the numbers of pending cases as of a given date or the ages of cases pending and ages of cases at disposition. These categories of cases are processed through the courts faster than any others, thus explaining the decision not to allocate personnel and computer resource to reporting these cases in the detail that is provided for other categories of cases.

The same observation applies to juvenile proceedings and to hearings on commitment or recommitment of persons to the State's mental hospital facilities. These cases also are not reported by case file numbers.

Two tables are provided on juvenile proceedings: offenses and conditions alleged, and numbers of adjudicatory hearings held.

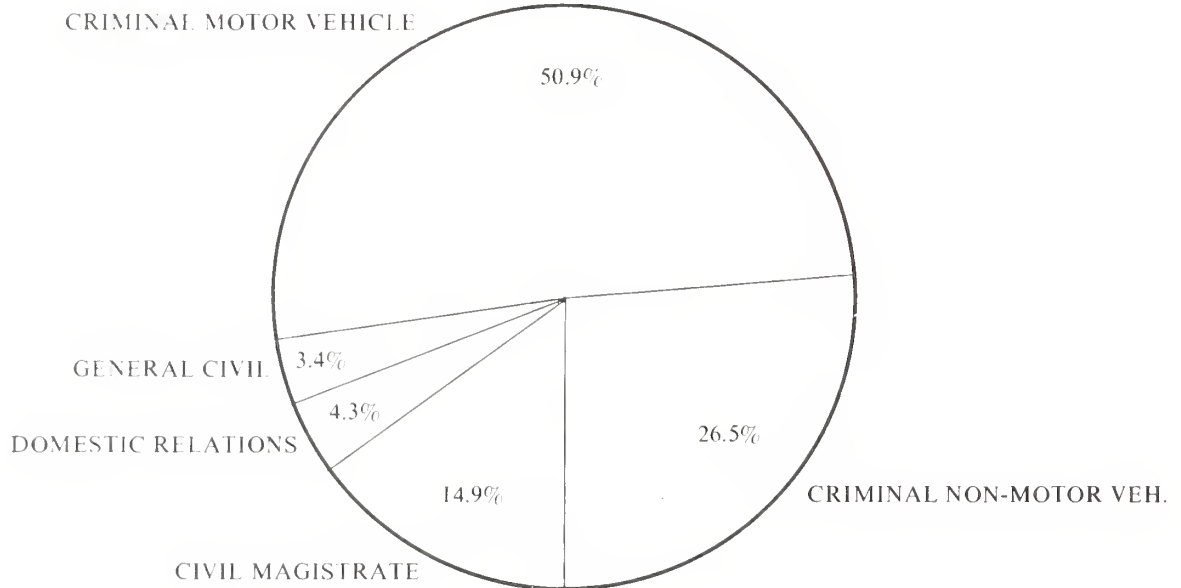
Data on district court hearings for mental hospital commitments and recommitments is reported in Part III, "Cost and Case Data on Representation of Indigents".

The statewide total of district court filings during 1980-81, not including juvenile cases and mental hospital commitment hearings, was 1,520,826 cases, compared with 1,458,647 during 1979-80, an increase of 62,179 (4.3%). The criminal non-motor vehicle case category contributed the most increase, from 365,516 filings in 1979-80 to 402,900 case filings in 1980-81, a 10.3% increase. There was a 9.1% increase in civil case filings, from a total of 315,867 cases in 1979-80 to 344,483 cases in 1980-81. Motor vehicle criminal case filings decreased about one-half of one per cent, from 777,264 cases in 1979-80 to 773,443 cases in 1980-81.

FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

1980-81

FILINGS



DISPOSITIONS

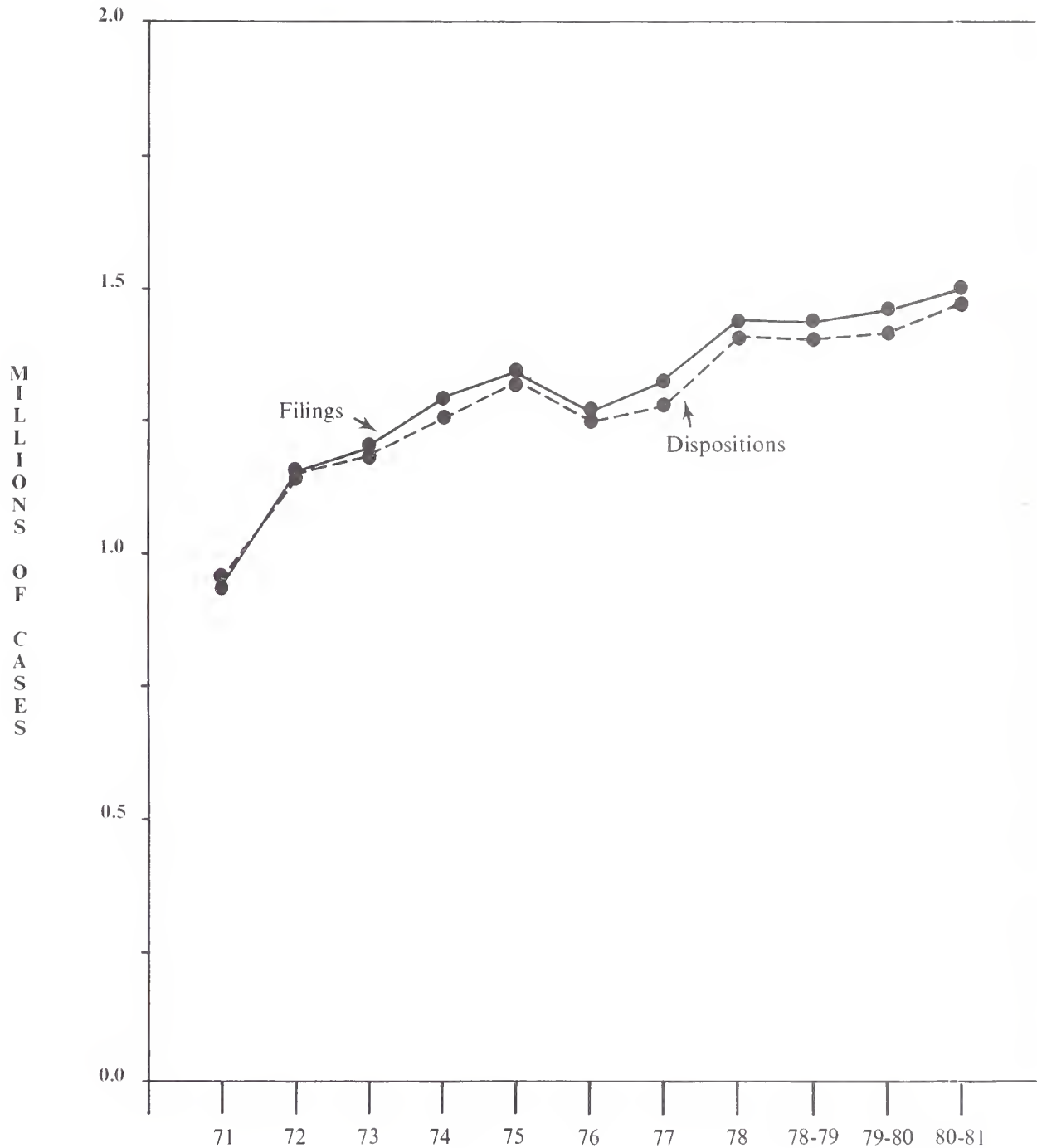


Criminal motor vehicle (traffic) cases dominate the caseload in North Carolina's district courts, accounting for more than half of total filings and dispositions in

1980-81 as shown above. The percentages by case categories for 1980-81 are similar to those of previous years; these percentages change little from year to year.

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

Filing And Disposition Trends In The District Courts 1971-1981

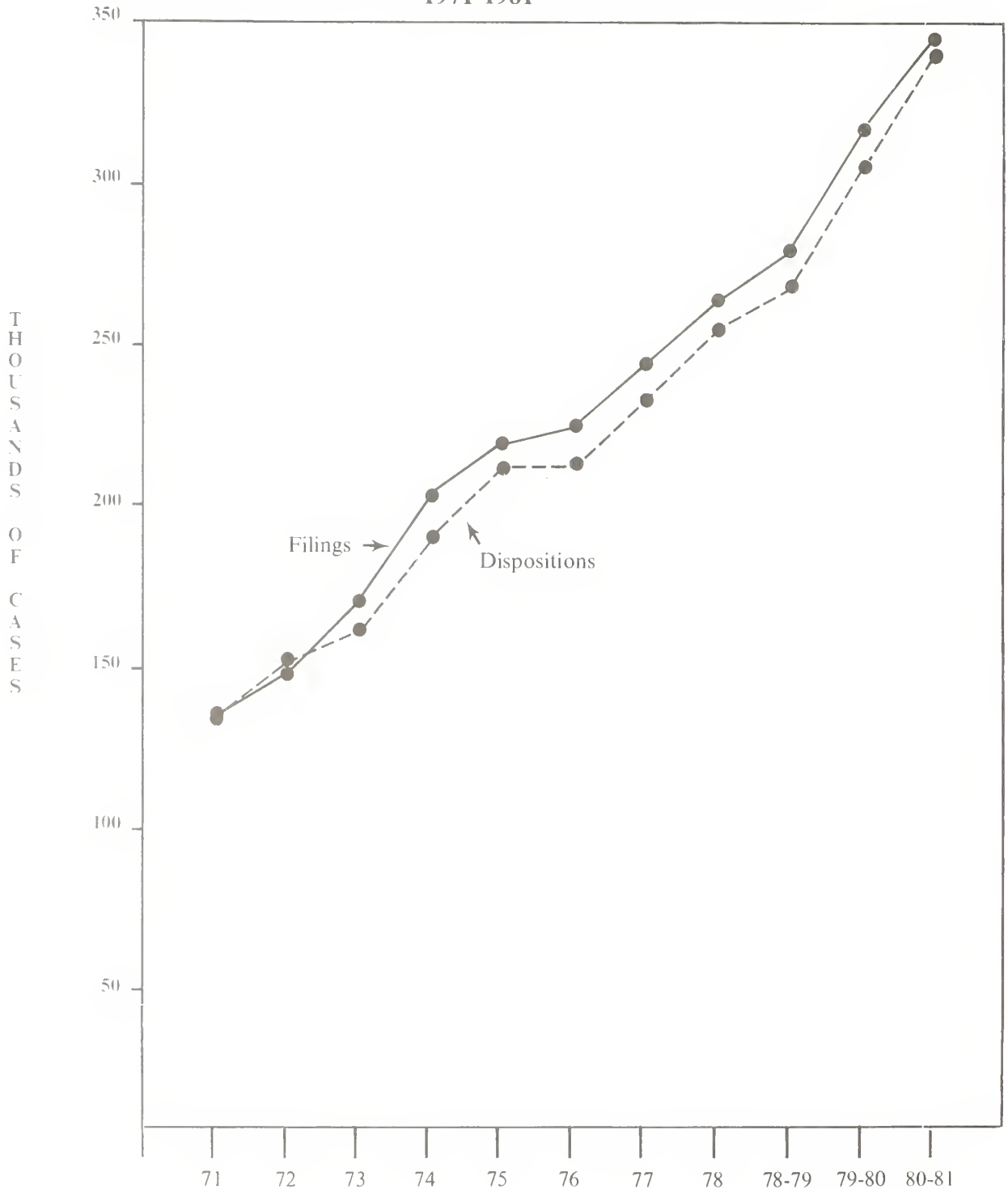


Depicted on this graph are all civil and criminal case filings and dispositions for the last decade, including traffic offenses and civil magistrate cases. Any overall picture of district court action is influenced greatly by

criminal caseload; for example, criminal cases accounted for 77.3% of the district court filings and dispositions during the 1980-81 year.

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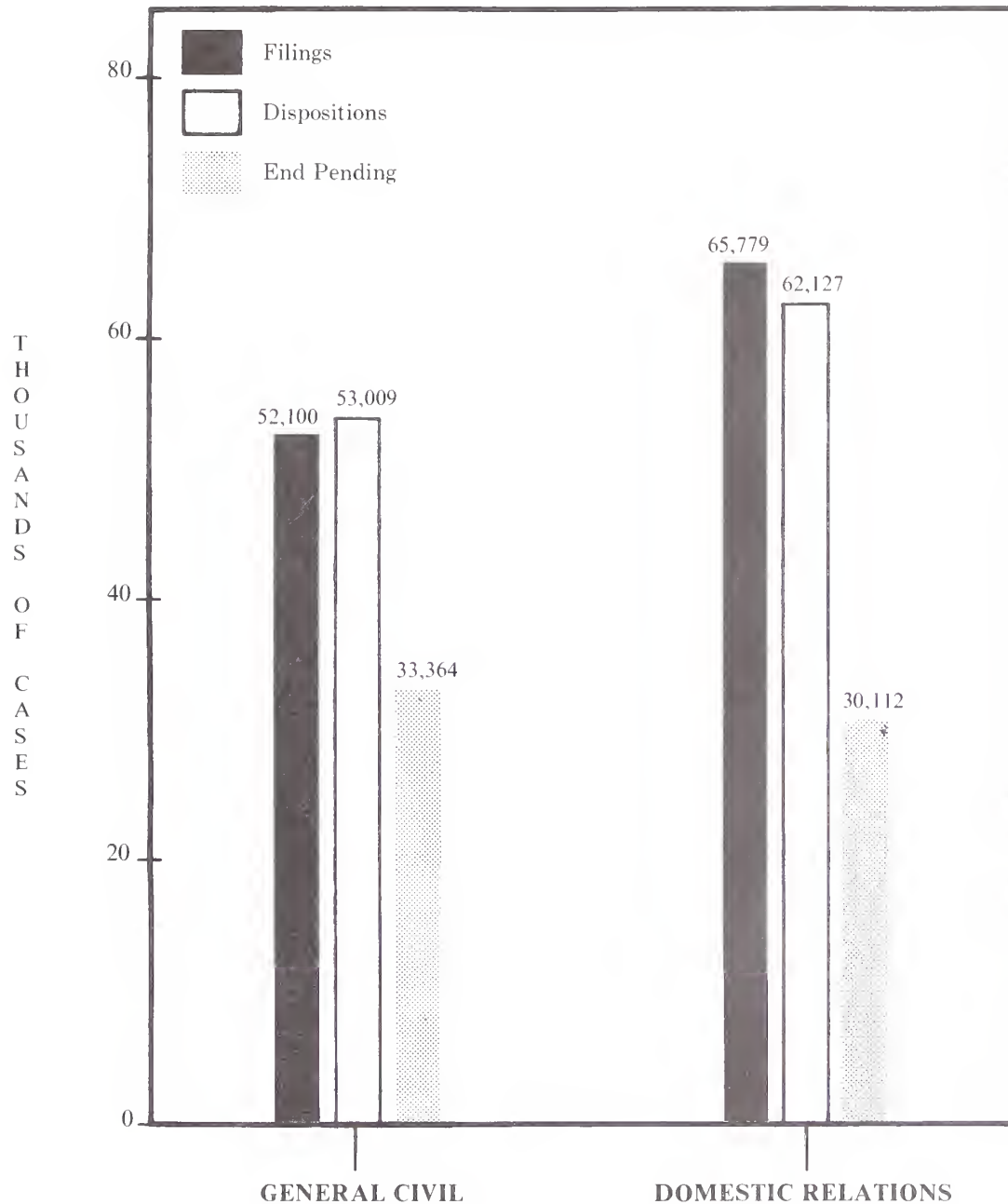
Filing And Disposition Trends Of Civil District Court Cases
1971-1981



As indicated in this graph, civil district court case filings show a steady upward trend. All categories of civil cases have contributed to the yearly increases; during the 1980-81 year, general civil case filings increased by

6.6%, domestic relations case filings grew 9.9%, and civil magistrate filings rose 9.4% over the case filings during the 1979-80 fiscal year.

GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS **Cases In The District Courts** **1980-81**



General civil case dispositions in the district courts outnumbered case filings during the 1980-81 year, resulting in a reduction in the number of cases pending at the end of the year as compared with the number of cases pending at the beginning of the 1980-81 year. Domestic relations case filings comprised 55.8% of civil case filings in district courts during the 1980-81 year, not

including civil magistrate cases. Some of the numbers in the domestic relations category can be attributed to post-disposition actions in cases previously filed, with the post-disposition proceedings counted as new case filings. The general civil category is not comparable to the domestic relations category in this sense as there are few post-disposition proceedings in general civil cases.

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Pending 7/1/80	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<i>District 1</i>								
Camden	15	51	9	42	66	42	63.6	24
Chowan	106	303	81	222	409	260	63.5	149
Currituck	101	147	66	81	248	168	67.7	80
Dare	155	334	196	138	489	325	66.4	164
Gates	49	98	22	76	147	92	62.5	55
Pasquotank	217	620	217	403	837	590	70.4	247
Perquimans	38	97	36	61	135	103	76.2	32
District Totals	681	1,650	627	1,023	2,331	1,580	67.7	751
<i>District 2</i>								
Beaufort	254	576	178	398	830	528	63.6	302
Hyde	28	70	21	49	98	72	73.4	26
Martin	176	365	108	257	546	353	64.6	188
Tyrrell	16	40	11	29	56	33	58.9	23
Washington	119	271	138	133	390	301	77.1	89
District Totals	593	1,322	456	866	1,915	1,287	67.2	628
<i>District 3</i>								
Carteret	399	816	252	564	1,215	682	56.1	533
Craven	805	1,968	748	1,220	2,773	1,673	60.3	1,100
Pamlico	65	135	37	98	210	125	59.5	75
Pitt	876	1,647	722	925	2,523	1,369	54.2	1,154
District Totals	2,145	4,566	1,759	2,807	6,711	3,849	57.3	2,862
<i>District 4</i>								
Duplin	298	580	310	270	878	451	51.3	427
Jones	56	138	37	101	194	124	63.9	70
Onslow	1,110	1,982	383	1,599	3,092	1,918	62.0	1,174
Sampson	394	906	278	628	1,300	739	56.8	561
District Totals	1,858	3,606	1,008	2,598	5,464	3,232	59.1	2,232
<i>District 5</i>								
New Hanover	1,907	3,094	1,605	1,489	5,001	3,675	73.4	1,326
Pender	192	277	122	155	469	337	71.8	132
District Totals	2,099	3,371	1,727	1,644	5,470	4,012	73.3	1,458
<i>District 6</i>								
Bertie	114	234	60	174	348	252	72.4	96
Halifax	367	774	232	542	1,141	925	81.0	216
Hertford	164	606	387	219	770	453	58.8	317
Northampton	87	268	170	98	355	281	79.1	74
District Totals	732	1,882	849	1,033	2,614	1,911	73.1	703
<i>District 7</i>								
Edgecombe	867	887	399	488	1,754	1,068	60.8	686
Nash	525	1,263	466	797	1,788	1,070	59.8	718
Wilson	879	1,511	590	921	2,390	1,693	70.8	697
District Totals	2,271	3,661	1,455	2,206	5,932	3,831	64.5	2,101
<i>District 8</i>								
Greene	77	201	141	60	278	222	79.8	56
Lenoir	681	2,180	678	1,502	2,861	2,073	72.4	788
Wayne	1,795	2,545	1,235	1,310	4,340	2,512	57.8	1,828
District Totals	2,553	4,926	2,054	2,872	7,479	4,807	64.2	2,672

**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR GENERAL CIVIL
AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981**

	Pending 7/1/80	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<u>District 9</u>								
Franklin	168	414	200	214	582	369	63.4	213
Granville	195	395	194	201	590	437	74.0	153
Person	253	481	195	286	734	455	61.9	279
Vance	305	756	190	566	1,061	741	69.8	320
Warren	246	486	106	380	732	312	42.6	420
District Totals	1,167	2,532	885	1,647	3,699	2,314	62.5	1,385
<u>District 10</u>								
Wake	5,434	8,273	4,874	3,399	13,707	9,119	66.5	4,588
<u>District 11</u>								
Harnett	755	1,053	516	537	1,808	1,035	57.2	773
Johnston	1,000	1,642	773	869	2,642	1,611	60.9	1,031
Lee	649	856	668	188	1,505	837	55.6	668
District Totals	2,404	3,551	1,957	1,594	5,955	3,483	58.4	2,472
<u>District 12</u>								
Cumberland	2,025	4,921	1,370	3,551	6,946	4,405	63.4	2,541
Hoke	97	340	170	170	437	316	72.3	121
District Totals	2,122	5,261	1,540	3,721	7,383	4,721	63.9	2,662
<u>District 13</u>								
Bladen	166	582	343	239	748	590	78.8	158
Brunswick	402	765	265	500	1,167	770	65.9	397
Columbus	590	1,054	408	646	1,644	1,163	70.7	481
District Totals	1,158	2,401	1,016	1,385	3,559	2,523	70.8	1,036
<u>District 14</u>								
Durham	2,912	3,907	2,252	1,655	6,819	4,558	66.8	2,261
<u>District 15A</u>								
Alamance	423	1,746	647	1,099	2,169	1,661	76.5	508
<u>District 15B</u>								
Chatham	195	403	132	271	598	402	67.2	196
Orange	721	824	423	401	1,545	601	38.8	944
District Totals	916	1,227	555	672	2,143	1,003	46.8	1,140
<u>District 16</u>								
Robeson	1,049	2,656	987	1,669	3,705	2,554	68.9	1,151
Scotland	236	538	180	358	774	553	71.4	221
District Totals	1,285	3,194	1,167	2,027	4,479	3,107	69.3	1,372
<u>District 17</u>								
Caswell	73	178	56	122	251	158	62.9	93
Rockingham	500	1,335	527	808	1,835	1,304	71.0	531
Stokes	132	264	89	175	396	266	67.1	130
Surry	441	956	447	509	1,397	915	65.4	482
District Totals	1,146	2,733	1,119	1,614	3,879	2,643	68.1	1,236
<u>District 18</u>								
Guilford	4,139	8,091	3,918	4,173	12,230	8,531	69.7	3,699

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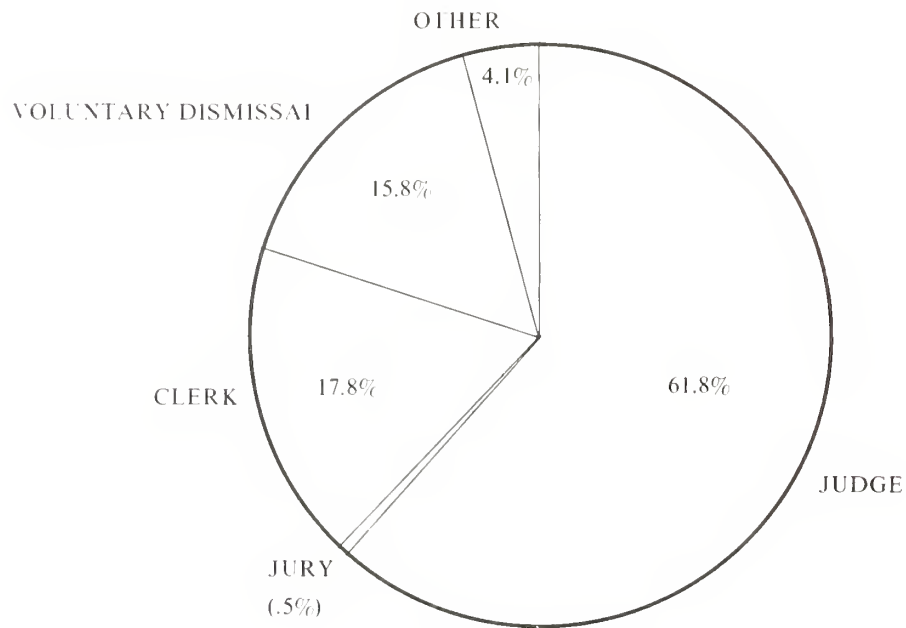
		Filings						
	Pending 7/1/80	Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations	Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<u>District 19A</u>								
Cabarrus	1,119	1,630	789	841	2,749	1,773	64.4	976
Rowan	590	1,275	491	784	1,865	1,300	69.7	565
District Totals	1,709	2,905	1,280	1,625	4,614	3,073	66.6	1,541
<u>District 19B</u>								
Montgomery	293	275	198	77	568	410	72.1	158
Randolph	282	1,219	338	881	1,501	1,173	78.1	328
District Totals	575	1,494	536	958	2,069	1,583	76.5	486
<u>District 20</u>								
Anson	136	308	85	223	444	289	65.0	155
Moore	413	777	330	447	1,190	769	64.6	421
Richmond	645	700	283	417	1,345	589	43.7	756
Stanly	404	686	463	223	1,090	725	66.5	365
Union	377	902	421	481	1,279	737	57.6	542
District Totals	1,975	3,373	1,582	1,791	5,348	3,109	58.1	2,239
<u>District 21</u>								
Forsyth	2,205	6,529	3,336	3,193	8,734	6,154	70.4	2,580
<u>District 22</u>								
Alexander	99	232	110	122	331	209	63.1	122
Davidson	430	1,522	519	1,003	1,952	1,394	71.4	558
Davie	138	292	128	164	430	313	72.7	117
Iredell	402	1,329	731	598	1,731	1,210	69.9	521
District Totals	1,069	3,375	1,488	1,887	4,444	3,126	70.3	1,318
<u>District 23</u>								
Alleghany	42	200	80	120	242	185	76.4	57
Ashe	91	170	68	102	261	177	67.8	84
Wilkes	431	1,530	1,038	492	1,961	1,391	70.9	570
Yadkin	133	377	146	231	510	375	73.5	135
District Totals	697	2,277	1,332	945	2,974	2,128	71.5	846
<u>District 24</u>								
Avery	82	185	110	75	267	171	64.0	96
Madison	38	124	44	80	162	95	58.6	67
Mitchell	62	160	86	74	222	153	68.9	69
Watauga	200	378	219	159	578	445	76.9	133
Yancey	51	183	71	112	234	149	63.6	85
District Totals	433	1,030	530	500	1,463	1,013	69.2	450
<u>District 25</u>								
Burke	657	1,359	429	930	2,016	1,229	60.9	787
Caldwell	526	1,137	516	621	1,663	1,005	60.4	658
Catawba	900	1,988	920	1,068	2,888	1,869	64.7	1,019
District Totals	2,083	4,484	1,865	2,619	6,567	4,103	62.4	2,464
<u>District 26</u>								
Mecklenburg	8,641	11,708	6,048	5,660	20,349	10,526	51.7	9,823
<u>District 27A</u>								
Gaston	1,737	3,392	775	2,617	5,129	3,476	67.7	1,653

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AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981**

	Pending 7/1/80	Filings			Total Caseload	Disposed	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
		Total	General Civil	Domestic Relations				
<i>District 27B</i>								
Cleveland	416	1,232	395	837	1,648	1,235	74.9	413
Lincoln	165	746	374	372	911	646	70.9	265
District Totals	581	1,978	769	1,209	2,559	1,881	73.5	678
<i>District 28</i>								
Buncombe	1,190	3,462	1,264	2,198	4,652	3,208	68.9	1,444
<i>District 29</i>								
Henderson	368	778	297	481	1,146	652	56.8	494
McDowell	197	431	120	311	628	413	65.7	215
Polk	39	111	30	81	150	87	58.0	63
Rutherford	238	652	282	370	890	657	73.8	233
Transylvania	218	355	140	215	573	306	53.4	267
District Totals	1,060	2,327	869	1,458	3,387	2,115	62.4	1,272
<i>District 30</i>								
Cherokee	105	233	2	231	338	237	70.1	101
Clay	18	72	32	40	90	75	83.3	15
Graham	27	78	9	69	105	70	66.6	35
Haywood	197	595	180	415	792	514	64.8	278
Jackson	134	344	176	168	478	250	52.3	228
Macon	146	177	60	117	323	168	52.0	155
Swain	113	146	102	44	259	155	59.8	104
District Totals	740	1,645	561	1,084	2,385	1,469	61.5	916
State Totals	60,733	117,879	52,100	65,779	178,612	115,136	64.4	63,476

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

1980-81



This graph does not include civil magistrate cases; thus, most of the remaining civil district court cases were dis-

posed by judges. Only 605 jury trials were held in district courts for civil cases during the 1980-81 year.

**MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF GENERAL CIVIL AND
DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS**
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
<i>District 1</i>											
Camden	42	0	0	1	4	2	26	0	0	4	5
Chowan	260	21	0	35	40	0	160	0	0	2	2
Currituck	168	22	0	15	30	10	66	0	0	17	8
Dare	325	53	0	64	72	9	109	0	0	13	5
Gates	92	3	0	17	12	0	55	0	2	3	0
Pasquotank	590	38	2	73	31	36	369	1	2	21	17
Perquimans	103	9	0	18	15	1	45	0	0	12	3
District Totals	1,580	146	2	223	204	58	830	1	4	72	40
<i>District 2</i>											
Beaufort	528	30	6	45	42	12	338	0	7	29	19
Hyde	72	9	0	10	4	0	43	1	0	3	2
Martin	353	23	1	43	16	22	237	2	3	4	2
Tyrrell	33	4	0	3	0	0	21	0	1	2	2
Washington	301	27	2	77	45	5	127	1	2	7	8
District Totals	1,287	93	9	178	107	39	766	4	13	45	33
<i>District 3</i>											
Carteret	682	80	6	65	70	11	410	0	2	25	13
Craven	1,673	139	9	289	179	11	896	0	14	117	19
Pamlico	125	16	0	4	9	1	71	0	1	15	8
Pitt	1,369	194	1	275	161	56	619	0	6	35	22
District Totals	3,849	429	16	633	419	79	1,996	0	23	192	62
<i>District 4</i>											
Duplin	451	89	2	76	50	1	208	0	2	15	8
Jones	124	10	0	17	9	0	84	0	0	2	2
Onslow	1,918	142	3	110	127	5	1,319	1	6	194	11
Sampson	739	82	8	89	76	1	409	0	2	64	8
District Totals	3,232	323	13	292	262	7	2,020	1	10	275	29
<i>District 5</i>											
New Hanover	3,675	846	5	731	405	0	1,602	0	11	75	0
Pender	337	58	3	46	35	16	161	0	0	2	16
District Totals	4,012	904	8	777	440	16	1,763	0	11	77	16
<i>District 6</i>											
Bertie	252	15	1	24	13	1	181	0	2	14	1
Halifax	925	71	0	84	7	100	511	0	6	2	144
Hertford	453	44	1	147	42	4	155	2	4	13	41
Northampton	281	129	3	23	14	5	100	1	0	5	1
District Totals	1,911	259	5	278	76	110	947	3	12	34	187
<i>District 7</i>											
Edgecombe	1,068	234	1	158	122	5	484	0	1	36	27
Nash	1,070	145	2	173	90	1	626	0	4	18	11
Wilson	1,693	520	8	170	108	6	834	1	9	31	6
District Totals	3,831	899	11	501	320	12	1,944	1	14	85	44
<i>District 8</i>											
Greene	222	111	0	7	5	8	66	0	3	3	19
Lenoir	2,073	212	5	267	137	2	1,417	4	10	19	0
Wayne	2,512	250	11	365	509	6	1,120	4	8	200	39
District Totals	4,807	573	16	639	651	16	2,603	8	21	222	58

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
<i>District 9</i>											
Franklin	369	82	0	34	16	29	188	0	1	4	15
Granville	437	73	2	61	63	15	157	0	24	13	29
Person	455	71	1	80	29	26	228	0	1	11	8
Vance	741	67	0	82	60	7	268	0	9	21	227
Warren	312	46	0	8	29	3	180	0	0	10	36
District Totals	2,314	339	3	265	197	80	1,021	0	35	59	315
<i>District 10</i>											
Wake	9,119	2,047	24	1,996	1,414	16	3,312	4	15	235	56
<i>District 11</i>											
Harnett	1,035	145	8	177	202	23	412	0	3	48	17
Johnston	1,611	226	2	97	218	144	807	1	2	105	9
Lee	837	215	2	231	85	158	119	0	2	2	23
District Totals	3,483	586	12	505	505	325	1,338	1	7	155	49
<i>District 12</i>											
Cumberland	4,405	380	11	560	361	2	2,649	2	139	286	15
Hoke	316	33	1	83	42	11	78	0	1	7	60
District Totals	4,721	413	12	643	403	13	2,727	2	140	293	75
<i>District 13</i>											
Bladen	590	56	4	192	101	9	204	0	6	14	4
Brunswick	770	97	3	70	26	113	221	0	0	12	228
Columbus	1,163	196	24	115	171	4	568	1	1	82	1
District Totals	2,523	349	31	377	298	126	993	1	7	108	233
<i>District 14</i>											
Durham	4,558	601	6	1,314	877	92	1,501	7	10	105	45
<i>District 15A</i>											
Alamance	1,661	132	14	193	210	46	812	1	12	76	165
<i>District 15B</i>											
Chatham	402	50	2	53	29	5	240	2	1	16	4
Orange	601	142	5	13	85	15	300	1	0	29	11
District Totals	1,003	192	7	66	114	20	540	3	1	45	15
<i>District 16</i>											
Robeson	2,554	311	5	402	283	90	1,367	1	12	35	48
Scotland	553	68	1	76	54	1	315	0	22	14	2
District Totals	3,107	379	6	478	337	91	1,682	1	34	49	50
<i>District 17</i>											
Caswell	158	13	0	16	5	6	108	0	1	4	5
Rockingham	1,304	79	9	300	152	0	648	2	1	105	8
Stokes	266	29	0	28	41	3	130	0	0	28	7
Surry	915	85	5	240	124	8	396	0	0	52	5
District Totals	2,643	206	14	584	322	17	1,282	2	2	189	25
<i>District 18</i>											
Guilford	8,531	1,145	48	1,580	1,425	3	4,017	4	6	293	10

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
<u>District 19A</u>											
Cabarrus	1,773	106	10	546	382	4	621	2	3	91	8
Rowan	1,300	114	5	178	203	0	670	0	13	116	1
District Totals	3,073	220	15	724	585	4	1,291	2	16	207	9
<u>District 19B</u>											
Montgomery	410	171	0	32	84	2	106	0	1	9	5
Randolph	1,173	104	7	112	95	1	789	1	6	46	12
District Totals	1,583	275	7	144	179	3	895	1	7	55	17
<u>District 20</u>											
Anson	289	29	7	14	20	0	195	0	2	20	2
Moore	769	68	10	98	27	86	375	1	5	17	82
Richmond	589	86	5	112	17	37	277	1	27	8	19
Stanly	725	119	0	212	160	8	204	0	0	21	1
Union	737	82	14	96	97	7	413	0	5	23	0
District Totals	3,109	384	36	532	321	138	1,464	2	39	89	104
<u>District 21</u>											
Forsyth	6,154	988	32	1,074	1,060	16	2,674	8	27	249	26
<u>District 22</u>											
Alexander	209	34	2	24	30	0	104	0	0	12	3
Davidson	1,394	128	11	184	170	4	831	1	10	52	3
Davie	313	47	7	30	57	8	138	0	0	15	11
Iredell	1,210	140	5	270	187	22	471	2	12	90	11
District Totals	3,126	349	25	508	444	34	1,544	3	22	169	28
<u>District 23</u>											
Alleghany	185	29	0	22	21	3	71	1	26	8	4
Ashe	177	28	0	17	23	4	83	0	0	8	14
Wilkes	1,391	193	16	493	246	10	384	0	3	44	2
Yadkin	375	41	5	59	59	6	171	0	3	18	13
District Totals	2,128	291	21	591	349	23	709	1	32	78	33
<u>District 24</u>											
Avery	171	39	4	33	16	23	47	0	0	3	6
Madison	95	13	3	4	4	1	62	2	0	5	1
Mitchell	153	19	1	24	20	7	49	5	1	13	14
Watauga	445	53	2	104	127	2	138	0	1	13	5
Yancey	149	8	6	9	16	12	74	0	3	14	7
District Totals	1,013	132	16	174	183	45	370	7	5	48	33
<u>District 25</u>											
Burke	1,229	76	8	165	143	3	749	1	6	68	10
Caldwell	1,005	113	0	208	136	12	503	2	3	27	1
Catawba	1,869	155	12	435	145	118	931	1	4	35	33
District Totals	4,103	344	20	808	424	133	2,183	4	13	130	44
<u>District 26</u>											
Mecklenburg	10,526	1,462	19	2,442	715	953	4,637	9	48	81	160
<u>District 27A</u>											
Gaston	3,476	312	12	302	220	2	2,508	2	7	105	6

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	Total Dispositions	General Civil					Domestic Relations				
		Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other	Judge	Jury	Clerk	Vol. Dismiss.	Other
<i>District 27B</i>											
Cleveland	1,235	189	8	133	118	12	702	2	2	59	10
Lincoln	646	58	2	158	85	5	310	0	4	23	1
District Totals	1,881	247	10	291	203	17	1,012	2	6	82	11
<i>District 28</i>											
Buncombe	3,208	668	32	240	321	13	1,734	2	7	186	5
<i>District 29</i>											
Henderson	652	130	3	48	61	3	371	0	3	32	1
McDowell	413	45	0	57	21	3	239	0	19	26	3
Polk	87	5	1	8	10	1	46	1	1	9	5
Rutherford	657	102	6	102	91	3	324	1	0	28	0
Transylvania	306	38	0	38	42	0	153	0	1	30	4
District Totals	2,115	320	10	253	225	10	1,133	2	24	125	13
<i>District 30</i>											
Cherokee	237	8	0	0	0	0	137	0	48	7	37
Clay	75	14	0	11	0	10	35	1	0	0	4
Graham	70	2	1	7	4	1	38	0	1	13	3
Haywood	514	81	0	51	30	5	294	0	15	28	10
Jackson	250	39	0	38	0	46	104	0	0	0	23
Macon	168	13	0	23	16	4	90	0	0	9	13
Swain	155	71	2	21	13	7	30	0	0	4	7
District Totals	1,469	228	3	151	63	73	728	1	64	61	97
State Totals	115,136	16,235	515	19,756	13,873	2,630	54,976	90	694	4,274	2,093

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Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)											
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 1																
Camden	24	129.6	83.0	13	2	8	1	0	42	136.7	77.0	25	6	5	6	0
Chowan	149	260.1	116.0	71	11	41	14	12	260	178.7	55.0	157	43	27	21	12
Currituck	80	217.5	158.5	27	16	22	11	4	168	216.6	115.5	72	29	34	23	10
Dare	164	272.5	173.0	46	38	42	28	10	325	206.4	85.0	168	58	42	32	25
Gates	55	304.7	195.0	21	6	10	13	5	92	155.4	56.0	62	15	6	3	6
Pasquotank	247	206.3	147.0	97	44	62	36	8	590	142.5	52.0	387	77	71	36	19
Perquimans	32	309.7	195.5	13	2	9	4	4	103	134.7	60.0	64	17	14	6	2
District Totals	751	241.8	148.0	288	119	194	107	43	1,580	169.5	66.5	935	245	199	127	74
District 2																
Beaufort	302	303.2	167.5	111	44	66	51	30	528	163.7	51.5	363	58	44	38	25
Hyde	26	256.2	161.5	5	13	5	1	2	72	138.3	83.5	37	17	14	2	2
Martin	188	580.9	287.0	61	19	26	27	55	353	183.8	55.0	217	50	44	21	21
Tyrrell	23	307.8	220.0	8	2	6	6	1	33	140.7	52.0	21	6	3	2	1
Washington	89	206.1	104.0	38	22	18	7	4	301	139.8	74.0	168	33	78	21	1
District Totals	628	370.7	173.0	223	100	121	92	92	1,287	161.6	59.0	806	164	183	84	50
District 3																
Carteret	533	320.4	210.0	156	93	91	136	57	682	170.4	50.0	460	84	53	33	52
Craven	1,100	255.3	175.0	392	162	257	244	45	1,673	173.9	62.0	1,044	249	168	128	84
Pamlico	75	236.0	155.0	27	16	17	10	5	125	202.7	65.0	72	16	19	13	5
Pitt	1,154	351.8	287.0	312	149	234	317	142	1,369	158.6	59.0	888	211	126	74	70
District Totals	2,862	305.8	220.0	887	420	599	707	249	3,849	168.8	59.0	2,464	560	366	248	211
District 4																
Duplin	427	368.3	236.0	130	62	85	95	55	451	178.7	63.0	286	60	46	38	21
Jones	70	396.1	283.5	18	6	19	19	8	124	87.3	43.0	94	11	13	5	1
Onslow	1,174	290.9	192.0	400	174	215	292	93	1,918	205.1	76.0	1,045	306	210	174	183
Sampson	561	298.1	193.0	201	75	88	123	74	739	121.1	55.0	487	109	74	55	14
District Totals	2,232	310.8	201.0	749	317	407	529	230	3,232	177.7	66.0	1,912	486	343	272	219
District 5																
New Hanover	1,326	298.4	158.0	465	237	272	207	145	3,675	264.5	72.0	2,037	368	361	431	478
Pender	132	305.0	166.5	41	27	28	21	15	337	254.2	91.0	168	44	52	49	24
District Totals	1,458	299.0	158.0	506	264	300	228	160	4,012	263.7	73.0	2,205	412	413	480	502
District 6																
Bertie	96	194.6	102.5	45	16	14	17	4	252	154.4	68.5	148	28	40	34	2
Halifax	216	169.4	105.0	99	53	36	23	5	925	199.9	72.0	515	97	134	148	31
Hertford	317	157.5	60.0	179	45	48	35	10	453	110.0	56.0	320	61	38	31	3
Northampton	74	162.7	73.0	39	10	17	5	3	281	158.7	54.0	183	35	25	19	19
District Totals	703	166.7	85.0	362	124	115	80	22 ^a	1,911	166.5	63.0	1,166	221	237	232	55

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	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90		91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
<i>District 7</i>																
Edgecombe	686	519.7	426.0	142	67	105	199	173	1,068	391.8	84.5	554	129	82	66	237
Nash	718	396.3	204.5	252	92	83	149	142	1,070	103.3	49.0	803	128	66	59	14
Wilson	697	283.8	203.0	233	88	167	149	60	1,693	204.7	69.0	971	216	170	248	88
District Totals	2,101	399.3	269.0	627	247	355	497	375	3,831	228.5	64.0	2,328	473	318	373	339
<i>District 8</i>																
Greene	56	411.9	197.5	16	11	11	7	11	222	127.3	31.5	164	21	17	11	9
Lenoir	788	195.4	131.0	331	124	182	136	15	2,073	121.5	42.0	1,485	158	126	281	23
Wayne	1,828	316.6	65.5	447	270	389	636	86	2,512	244.2	82.0	1,313	305	202	543	149
District Totals	2,672	282.8	220.0	794	405	582	779	112	4,807	185.9	56.0	2,962	484	345	835	181
<i>District 9</i>																
Franklin	213	340.6	206.0	71	31	52	35	24	369	158.9	52.0	251	34	47	15	22
Granville	153	225.8	133.0	63	23	43	18	6	437	160.3	75.0	247	63	73	39	15
Person	279	344.5	294.0	65	33	60	95	26	455	138.3	49.0	296	44	57	55	3
Vance	320	228.3	152.0	132	35	82	53	18	741	191.3	95.0	359	138	150	72	22
Warren	420	318.5	224.0	100	77	121	85	37	312	274.1	81.0	165	42	48	30	27
District Totals	1,385	296.0	210.0	431	199	358	286	111	2,314	181.0	70.0	1,318	321	375	211	89
<i>District 10</i>																
Wake	4,588	288.9	168.5	1,639	715	912	957	365	9,119	343.6	98.0	4,384	1,123	1,026	1,099	1,487
<i>District 11</i>																
Harnett	773	391.0	287.0	200	102	154	224	93	1,035	288.4	76.0	563	134	67	83	188
Johnston	1,031	406.0	297.0	287	129	169	264	182	1,611	203.2	53.0	1,043	156	111	151	150
Lee	668	532.0	408.5	130	85	89	164	200	837	232.3	55.0	545	89	43	27	133
District Totals	2,472	435.4	320.5	617	316	412	652	475	3,483	235.6	59.0	2,151	379	221	261	471
<i>District 12</i>																
Cumberland	2,541	252.5	169.0	947	360	526	588	120	4,405	132.9	62.0	2,947	685	351	282	140
Hoke	121	177.3	68.0	70	11	20	16	4	316	101.3	55.0	224	44	32	12	4
District Totals	2,662	249.1	162.0	1,017	371	546	604	124	4,721	130.7	62.0	3,171	729	383	294	144
<i>District 13</i>																
Bladen	158	134.8	88.5	80	31	35	12	0	590	125.4	89.5	298	180	69	39	4
Brunswick	397	400.2	196.0	132	63	81	53	68	770	166.3	61.5	439	91	147	55	38
Columbus	481	230.0	120.0	190	108	75	78	30	1,163	233.6	109.0	540	163	183	207	70
District Totals	1,036	280.7	137.5	402	202	191	143	98	2,523	187.8	88.0	1,277	434	399	301	112
<i>District 14</i>																
Durham	2,261	317.5	229.0	684	347	459	537	234	4,558	320.7	117.0	2,111	402	374	946	725

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Agges of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180		181-365	366-730	> 730	Total	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730
District 15A																	
Alamance	508	125.7	61.0	303	88	75	39	3	1,661	82.0	49.0	1,295	189	133	39	5	
District 15B																	
Chatham	196	392.4	280.5	47	35	36	50	28	402	144.7	56.5	263	59	28	42	10	
Orange	944	385.3	388.0	179	109	161	424	71	601	184.4	69.0	353	89	54	76	29	
District Totals	1,140	386.4	367.0	226	144	197	474	99	1,003	168.5	66.0	616	148	82	118	39	
District 16																	
Robeson	1,151	276.6	176.0	406	171	244	225	105	2,554	134.5	56.0	1,670	346	292	191	55	
Scotland	221	318.3	124.0	100	36	39	16	30	553	165.6	64.0	352	72	62	38	29	
District Totals	1,372	283.3	158.0	506	207	283	241	135	3,107	140.0	58.0	2,022	418	354	229	84	
District 17																	
Caswell	93	247.7	116.0	45	14	7	21	6	158	120.3	54.0	99	23	24	10	2	
Rockingham	531	186.7	117.0	223	109	119	69	11	1,304	161.5	56.0	857	140	99	151	57	
Stokes	130	280.5	121.0	55	18	22	22	13	266	148.2	72.5	148	46	42	27	3	
Surry	482	329.2	209.0	170	58	103	75	76	915	148.0	61.0	570	116	135	67	27	
District Totals	1,236	256.8	140.0	493	199	251	187	106	2,643	153.0	58.0	1,674	325	300	255	89	
District 18																	
Guilford	3,699	205.7	127.0	1,476	731	840	531	121	8,531	219.2	77.0	4,667	1,129	745	1,643	347	
District 19A																	
Cabarrus	976	274.5	193.0	324	150	258	165	79	1,773	205.5	142.0	728	306	427	261	51	
Rowan	565	235.5	132.0	235	83	107	101	39	1,300	159.6	62.0	780	156	164	183	17	
District Totals	1,541	260.2	167.0	559	233	365	266	118	3,073	186.0	96.0	1,508	462	591	444	68	
District 19B																	
Montgomery	158	244.9	167.5	54	27	48	20	9	410	294.4	180.0	116	89	83	83	39	
Randolph	328	159.8	79.5	181	78	37	19	13	1,173	100.0	44.0	866	99	139	52	17	
District Totals	486	187.4	102.5	235	105	85	39	22	1,583	150.3	96.0	982	188	222	135	56	
District 20																	
Anson	155	322.9	229.0	52	20	26	43	14	289	181.8	51.0	191	28	26	30	14	
Moore	421	252.3	147.0	129	103	88	81	20	769	191.9	87.0	392	126	102	128	21	
Richmond	756	588.3	389.0	153	79	124	195	205	589	292.7	81.0	310	61	46	105	67	
Stanly	365	395.3	259.0	86	67	76	90	46	725	203.7	56.0	464	66	62	77	56	
Union	542	290.7	182.0	205	65	115	115	42	737	160.9	54.0	506	64	60	65	42	
District Totals	2,239	403.2	250.0	625	334	429	524	327	3,109	205.4	56.0	1,863	345	296	405	200	

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AGES OF CASES PENDING 6/30/81 AND AGES OF CASES DISPOSED DURING FISCAL YEAR 1980-81

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)				Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)										
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180		181-365	366-730	> 730	Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730	
District 21																	
Forsyth	2,580	169.2	88.0	1,311	483	406	307	73	6,154	138.6	61.0	3,892	767	838	570	87	
District 22																	
Alexander	122	234.9	173.0	42	21	31	23	5	209	122.3	53.0	140	35	24	6	4	
Davidson	558	191.9	121.5	233	108	116	81	20	1,394	94.8	51.0	975	200	147	68	4	
Davie	117	245.5	206.5	38	16	37	19	7	313	140.5	61.0	199	33	42	34	5	
Iredell	521	194.1	126.0	214	99	121	76	11	1,210	124.4	55.0	844	149	81	111	25	
District Totals	1,318	201.5	131.0	527	244	305	199	43	3,126	112.7	53.0	2,158	417	294	219	38	
District 23																	
Alleghany	57	120.3	84.0	29	18	8	1	1	185	81.0	41.0	136	26	15	8	0	
Ashe	84	288.8	180.5	29	13	17	18	7	177	206.6	71.0	102	24	14	24	13	
Wilkes	570	172.9	110.5	264	116	103	80	7	1,391	97.8	53.0	973	191	177	45	5	
Yadkin	135	223.1	90.0	69	25	21	13	7	375	159.7	64.0	221	46	65	33	10	
District Totals	846	188.8	109.0	391	172	149	112	22	2,128	116.2	55.0	1,432	287	271	110	28	
District 24																	
Avery	96	445.1	236.0	35	6	26	6	23	171	135.1	73.0	98	40	24	7	2	
Madison	67	319.2	175.0	24	10	16	6	11	95	96.2	63.0	65	21	6	2	1	
Mitchell	69	251.8	113.0	33	8	9	14	5	153	127.5	63.0	93	32	12	15	1	
Watauga	133	185.7	90.0	67	26	19	17	4	445	164.3	90.0	226	109	60	32	18	
Yancey	85	218.4	116.0	38	13	14	14	6	149	90.7	59.0	101	29	14	5	0	
District Totals	450	277.3	124.0	197	63	84	57	49	1,013	136.6	74.0	583	231	116	61	22	
District 25																	
Burke	787	418.2	258.0	233	103	144	170	137	1,229	162.3	48.0	852	131	81	86	79	
Caldwell	658	442.2	246.5	213	84	102	111	148	1,005	151.7	49.0	706	137	99	26	37	
Catawba	1,019	284.4	167.0	383	141	164	254	77	1,869	161.0	58.0	1,172	257	210	154	76	
District Totals	2,464	369.2	220.0	829	328	410	535	362	4,103	159.1	53.0	2,730	525	390	266	192	
District 26																	
Mecklenburg	9,823	463.8	346.0	2,325	1,133	1,598	2,233	2,534	10,526	230.3	70.0	6,069	1,596	1,046	1,092	723	
District 27A																	
Gaston	1,653	271.2	165.0	587	269	333	327	137	3,476	189.3	56.0	2,098	317	341	535	185	
District 27B																	
Cleveland	413	152.1	95.0	194	100	73	45	1	1,235	126.7	60.0	751	154	242	82	6	
Lincoln	265	107.5	89.0	141	87	24	12	1	646	97.1	49.0	469	82	67	24	4	
District Totals	678	134.6	91.0	335	187	97	57	2	1,881	116.5	56.0	1,220	236	309	106	10	
District 28																	
Buncombe	1,444	156.3	104.0	655	335	326	112	16	3,208	136.9	76.0	1,762	551	663	199	33	

AGES OF GENERAL CIVIL AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

Ages of Cases Pending 6/30/81 and Ages of Cases Disposed During Fiscal Year 1980-81

	Total Pending	Ages of Pending Cases (Days)					Total Disposed	Ages of Cases at Disposition (Days)								
		Mean Age	Median Age	0-90	91-180			0-90	91-180	181-365	366-730	> 730				
					181-365	366-730										
<i>District 29</i>																
Henderson	494	296.8	228.0	131	90	110	120	43	652	176.2	57.0	405	80	49	83	35
McDowell	215	295.6	223.0	74	27	48	50	16	413	188.9	58.0	276	55	32	26	24
Polk	63	313.2	222.0	15	13	16	10	9	87	122.6	58.0	54	17	8	8	0
Rutherford	233	189.7	102.0	107	37	49	34	6	657	130.4	53.0	411	99	81	53	13
Transylvania	267	362.8	256.0	77	30	67	51	42	306	229.7	71.0	173	39	30	39	25
District Totals	1,272	291.7	207.0	404	197	290	265	116	2,115	169.9	58.0	1,319	290	200	209	97
<i>District 30</i>																
Cherokee	101	174.5	139.0	42	21	27	9	2	237	183.7	98.0	112	54	29	35	7
Clay	15	49.4	35.0	13	2	0	0	0	75	124.7	60.0	48	10	10	6	1
Graham	35	116.7	67.0	20	10	3	1	1	70	143.9	100.0	31	23	11	4	1
Haywood	278	224.7	165.5	98	45	81	45	9	514	127.3	60.0	325	78	74	30	7
Jackson	228	242.5	145.0	63	74	39	41	11	250	151.3	105.0	104	94	32	14	6
Macon	155	602.0	451.0	30	17	24	45	39	168	198.6	81.5	88	27	28	17	8
Swain	104	441.1	390.0	12	14	21	44	13	155	144.7	86.0	81	30	29	13	2
District Totals	916	305.0	176.0	278	183	195	185	75	1,469	151.1	78.0	789	316	213	119	32
State Totals	63,476	312.7	189.0	21,488	9,781	12,269	12,888	7,050	115,136	198.0	66.0	67,869	15,170	12,586	12,517	6,994

**CIVIL MAGISTRATE FILINGS AND DISPOSITIONS IN THE
DISTRICT COURTS
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	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>
<u>District 1</u>			<u>District 10</u>		
Camden	119	115	Wake	10,556	10,396
Chowan	1,006	1,072	<u>District 11</u>		
Currituck	384	407	Harnett	1,642	1,640
Dare	442	476	Johnston	3,087	2,925
Gates	402	400	Lee	1,370	1,334
Pasquotank	1,003	987	District Totals	6,099	5,899
Perquimans	292	316	<u>District 12</u>		
District Totals	3,648	3,773	Cumberland	9,362	9,343
<u>District 2</u>			Hoke	556	517
Beaufort	1,705	1,665	District Totals	9,918	9,860
Hyde	90	85	<u>District 13</u>		
Martin	1,332	1,395	Bladen	1,951	1,951
Tyrrell	158	157	Brunswick	1,040	894
Washington	654	689	Columbus	2,705	2,550
District Totals	3,939	3,991	District Totals	5,696	5,395
<u>District 3</u>			<u>District 14</u>		
Carteret	1,524	1,513	Durham	11,816	12,247
Craven	2,202	2,194	<u>District 15A</u>		
Pamlico	422	384	Alamance	2,874	2,726
Pitt	3,711	3,718	<u>District 15B</u>		
District Totals	7,859	7,809	Chatham	1,296	1,308
<u>District 4</u>			Orange	1,561	1,441
Duplin	2,350	2,244	District Totals	2,857	2,749
Jones	319	324	<u>District 16</u>		
Onslow	2,467	2,424	Robeson	5,778	5,815
Sampson	2,651	2,707	Scotland	1,471	1,490
District Totals	7,787	7,699	District Totals	7,249	7,305
<u>District 5</u>			<u>District 17</u>		
New Hanover	3,963	3,942	Caswell	525	522
Pender	658	609	Rockingham	2,947	2,867
District Totals	4,621	4,551	Stokes	714	624
<u>District 6</u>			Surry	2,569	2,520
Bertie	1,143	1,118	District Totals	6,755	6,533
Halifax	2,436	2,657	<u>District 18</u>		
Hertford	832	826	Guilford	10,956	10,403
Northampton	1,052	1,059	High Point	4,800	4,870
District Totals	5,463	5,660	District Totals	15,756	15,273
<u>District 7</u>			<u>District 19A</u>		
Edgecombe	5,142	5,182	Cabarrus	2,037	2,081
Nash	3,552	3,542	Rowan	3,131	3,044
Wilson	3,014	2,880	District Totals	5,168	5,125
District Totals	11,708	11,604	<u>District 19B</u>		
<u>District 8</u>			Montgomery	1,205	1,292
Greene	500	503	Randolph	1,930	1,861
Lenoir	3,738	3,693	District Totals	3,135	3,153
Wayne	4,349	4,248	<u>District 20</u>		
District Totals	8,587	8,444	Anson	936	1,004
<u>District 9</u>			Moore	1,726	1,760
Franklin	1,203	1,216	Richmond	2,144	2,127
Granville	1,407	1,369	Stanly	1,691	1,725
Person	1,179	1,068	Union	2,120	2,178
Vance	2,615	2,802	District Totals	8,617	8,794
Warren	603	611			
District Totals	7,007	7,066			

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	<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		<u>Filings</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>
<u>District 21</u>			<u>District 27A</u>		
Forsyth	8,872	8,842	Gaston	4,516	4,372
<u>District 22</u>			<u>District 27B</u>		
Alexander	532	654	Cleveland	3,384	3,385
Davidson	2,184	2,106	Lincoln	853	879
Davie	917	905	District Totals	4,237	4,264
Iredell	2,857	2,856	<u>District 28</u>		
District Totals	6,490	6,521	Buncombe	4,440	4,031
<u>District 23</u>			<u>District 29</u>		
Alleghany	410	414	Henderson	768	739
Ashe	375	396	McDowell	779	741
Wilkes	2,337	2,239	Polk	183	176
Yadkin	1,187	1,236	Rutherford	1,219	1,259
District Totals	4,309	4,285	Transylvania	920	788
<u>District 24</u>			District Totals	3,869	3,703
Avery	201	202	<u>District 30</u>		
Madison	167	177	Cherokee	348	318
Mitchell	194	193	Clay	74	86
Watauga	493	539	Graham	97	100
Yancey	198	190	Haywood	1,125	1,137
District Totals	1,253	1,301	Jackson	438	348
<u>District 25</u>			Macon	400	413
Burke	1,833	1,862	Swain	61	81
Caldwell	2,201	2,127	District Totals	2,543	2,483
Catawba	2,944	3,009			
District Totals	6,978	6,998	Total Filed	226,604	Total Disposed
<u>District 26</u>					
Mecklenburg	21,982	21,321	State Totals		

OFFENSES AND CONDITIONS ALLEGED IN JUVENILE PETITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

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	OFFENSES				Probation Violation	Undisciplined			CONDITIONS		Grand Total	Children Before Court For First Time
	Delinquent			Truancy		Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor							Total		
<i>District 1</i>												
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Chowan	0	2	29	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	24
Currituck	0	16	25	41	1	2	2	4	0	10	56	32
Dare	0	2	8	10	0	0	0	0	1	3	14	12
Gates	0	0	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	6
Pasquotank	0	30	72	102	5	0	2	2	0	18	127	72
Perquimans	0	9	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	6
District Totals	0	59	142	201	8	2	4	6	1	33	249	153
<i>District 2</i>												
Beaufort	0	8	40	48	1	0	2	2	17	37	105	57
Hyde	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	5	9	9
Martin	0	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	12	23	48	31
Tyrrell	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Washington	0	2	19	21	0	0	1	1	0	8	30	26
District Totals	0	17	71	88	1	0	3	3	29	73	194	125
<i>District 3</i>												
Carteret	0	39	26	65	6	0	2	2	6	2	81	49
Craven	1	56	82	139	20	6	7	13	19	10	201	73
Pamlico	0	0	7	7	0	0	1	1	3	0	11	9
Pitt	0	61	83	144	20	2	9	11	16	15	206	56
District Totals	1	156	198	355	46	8	19	27	44	27	499	187
<i>District 4</i>												
Duplin	0	21	56	77	0	0	5	5	5	9	96	62
Jones	0	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	10	7
Onslow	0	93	71	164	3	0	3	3	37	57	264	140
Sampson	1	10	23	34	1	0	2	2	44	34	115	47
District Totals	1	124	156	281	4	0	10	10	88	102	485	256
<i>District 5</i>												
New Hanover	0	229	222	451	47	22	34	56	21	25	600	228
Pender	0	13	13	26	0	1	4	5	0	14	45	22
District Totals	0	242	235	477	47	23	38	61	21	39	645	250
<i>District 6</i>												
Bertie	0	1	18	19	0	1	0	1	3	5	28	28
Halifax	2	31	18	51	0	2	7	9	16	12	88	77
Hertford	0	10	25	35	7	0	2	2	7	10	61	42
Northampton	0	8	28	36	5	0	6	6	2	7	56	24
District Totals	2	50	89	141	12	3	15	18	28	34	233	171
<i>District 7</i>												
Edgecombe	0	43	95	138	11	0	18	18	9	22	198	90
Nash	0	86	114	200	16	0	15	15	32	21	284	134
Wilson	0	37	113	150	17	1	10	11	101	18	297	64
District Totals	0	166	322	488	44	1	43	44	142	61	779	288
<i>District 8</i>												
Greene	0	12	19	31	2	0	0	0	0	6	39	21
Lenoir	0	72	96	168	20	3	8	11	8	42	249	95
Wayne	0	86	66	152	28	4	19	23	41	63	307	119
District Totals	0	170	181	351	50	7	27	34	49	111	595	235

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	Delinquent		Total	Truancy		Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony								Misde- meanor		
<i>District 9</i>												
Franklin	0	6	14	20	9	1	4	5	22	2	58	18
Granville	0	84	23	107	3	0	3	3	1	6	120	35
Person	1	27	25	53	4	0	2	2	0	4	63	25
Vance	0	6	30	36	0	0	7	7	27	5	75	75
Warren	0	3	2	5	0	0	1	1	0	8	14	12
District Totals	1	126	94	221	16	1	17	18	50	25	330	165
<i>District 10</i>												
Wake	0	88	179	267	46	0	25	25	92	103	533	256
<i>District 11</i>												
Harnett	2	33	67	102	10	11	15	26	20	68	227	109
Johnston	0	43	74	117	12	0	11	11	14	40	194	97
Lee	0	25	78	103	17	0	8	8	10	10	148	52
District Totals	2	101	219	322	39	11	34	45	44	118	569	258
<i>District 12</i>												
Cumberland	0	239	451	690	34	13	243	256	143	137	1,260	547
Hoke	0	19	31	50	3	4	24	28	12	6	99	61
District Totals	0	258	482	740	37	17	267	284	155	143	1,359	608
<i>District 13</i>												
Bladen	0	9	22	31	0	1	6	7	0	1	39	30
Brunswick	1	14	15	30	21	5	11	16	4	22	93	63
Columbus	0	29	28	57	10	5	13	18	9	61	155	96
District Totals	1	52	65	118	31	11	30	41	13	84	287	189
<i>District 14</i>												
Durham	1	239	203	443	112	1	19	20	96	226	897	222
<i>District 15A</i>												
Alamance	0	27	36	63	0	12	26	38	30	35	166	146
<i>District 15B</i>												
Chatham	0	0	32	32	0	3	1	4	1	10	47	31
Orange	0	36	62	63	10	11	3	14	21	29	173	118
District Totals	0	36	94	95	10	14	4	18	22	39	220	149
<i>District 16</i>												
Robeson	1	190	146	337	0	8	22	30	78	67	512	235
Scotland	0	63	91	154	24	3	8	11	16	61	266	103
District Totals	1	253	237	491	24	11	30	41	94	128	778	338
<i>District 17</i>												
Caswell	0	6	5	11	0	3	2	5	4	8	28	25
Rockingham	0	102	75	177	8	1	11	12	7	24	228	82
Stokes	0	16	45	61	1	7	4	11	3	2	78	26
Surry	0	57	66	123	0	12	14	26	4	19	172	53
District Totals	0	181	191	372	9	23	31	54	18	53	506	186
<i>District 18</i>												
Guilford	0	291	427	718	63	67	64	131	120	115	1,147	528
<i>District 19A</i>												
Cabarrus	0	21	68	89	14	0	13	13	15	23	154	76
Rowan	2	188	153	343	62	95	46	141	189	125	860	166
District Totals	2	209	221	432	76	95	59	154	204	148	1,014	242

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	Delinquent			Truancy		Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony	Misde- meanor							Total		
District 19B												
Montgomery	0	0	39	39	3	2	3	5	1	2	50	26
Randolph	0	91	57	148	10	3	31	34	21	15	228	135
District Totals	0	91	96	187	13	5	34	39	22	17	278	161
District 20												
Anson	0	32	29	61	3	0	0	0	1	12	77	19
Moore	0	79	59	138	11	9	14	23	67	96	335	88
Richmond	1	21	35	57	2	1	0	1	8	13	81	62
Stanly	0	58	169	227	18	2	6	8	14	25	292	44
Union	0	77	115	192	14	0	6	6	15	33	260	97
District Totals	1	267	407	675	48	12	26	38	105	179	1,045	310
District 21												
Forsyth	0	91	274	365	60	11	114	125	40	102	692	393
District 22												
Alexander	0	22	19	41	1	0	7	7	4	11	64	40
Davidson	0	75	107	182	17	0	64	64	225	221	739	146
Davie	1	27	24	52	3	3	7	10	3	10	78	31
Iredell	0	22	125	147	3	10	25	35	22	38	245	116
District Totals	1	146	275	422	24	13	103	116	284	280	1,126	333
District 23												
Alleghany	0	2	6	8	0	0	1	1	4	6	19	15
Ashe	0	3	12	15	3	1	7	8	4	18	48	46
Wilkes	0	22	58	80	41	17	18	35	35	69	260	94
Yadkin	0	9	26	35	21	5	16	21	9	67	153	38
District Totals	0	36	102	138	65	23	42	65	52	160	480	193
District 24												
Avery	0	0	11	11	0	2	19	21	0	12	44	26
Madison	0	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	1	19	28	28
Mitchell	0	8	5	13	0	0	7	7	1	0	21	11
Watauga	0	6	13	19	0	0	11	11	6	3	39	38
Yancey	0	1	4	5	0	1	1	2	2	7	16	15
District Totals	0	16	40	56	0	3	38	41	10	41	148	118
District 25												
Burke	0	85	60	145	26	29	53	82	39	49	341	146
Caldwell	0	31	70	101	9	16	28	44	7	12	173	92
Catawba	4	137	53	194	12	12	19	31	29	16	282	133
District Totals	4	253	183	440	47	57	100	157	75	77	796	371
District 26												
Mecklenburg	0	518	551	1,069	88	3	94	97	38	151	1,443	648
District 27A												
Gaston	2	212	455	669	13	8	61	69	87	24	862	354
District 27B												
Cleveland	0	57	95	152	11	2	11	13	11	24	211	104
Lincoln	0	15	42	57	4	0	5	5	10	6	82	38
District Totals	0	72	137	209	15	2	16	18	21	30	293	142
District 28												
Buncombe	4	152	157	313	1	27	211	238	106	97	755	241

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	Delinquent		Total	Truancy		Other	Total	Dependent	Neglected			
	Capital	Other Felony								Misde- meanor		
<i>District 29</i>												
Henderson	0	30	62	92	36	22	31	53	10	23	214	99
McDowell	0	16	24	40	7	20	17	37	10	11	105	67
Polk	0	3	0	3	0	0	6	6	1	0	10	8
Rutherford	0	19	61	80	24	6	7	13	57	13	187	58
Transylvania	0	16	10	26	1	5	2	7	11	8	53	30
District Totals	0	84	157	241	68	53	63	116	89	55	569	262
<i>District 30</i>												
Cherokee	0	8	15	23	0	0	3	3	2	0	28	28
Clay	0	2	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7
Graham	0	0	3	3	0	2	4	6	0	3	12	7
Haywood	0	4	10	14	0	8	18	26	5	12	57	57
Jackson	0	5	8	13	0	1	6	7	2	7	29	29
Macon	0	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	8
Swain	0	0	8	8	0	2	2	4	2	4	18	18
District Totals	0	20	55	75	0	13	33	46	11	27	159	154
State Totals	24	4,803	6,732	11,559	1,118	537	1,700	2,237	2,280	2,937	20,131	8,632

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
<i>District 1</i>													
Camden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Chowan	20	2	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Currituck	22	9	31	0	4	4	0	0	0	5	3	8	43
Dare	7	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	3	11
Gates	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Pasquotank	103	23	126	0	2	2	2	0	2	9	10	19	149
Perquimans	11	11	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	23
District Totals	168	48	216	0	6	6	3	0	3	19	13	32	257
<i>District 2</i>													
Beaufort	39	39	78	1	1	2	8	10	18	27	8	35	133
Hyde	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	5	7
Martin	7	16	23	0	2	2	9	5	14	16	10	26	65
Tyrrell	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Washington	12	2	14	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	1	9	24
District Totals	61	58	119	2	3	5	17	15	32	55	20	75	231
<i>District 3</i>													
Carteret	36	20	56	2	0	2	10	5	15	3	1	4	77
Craven	145	110	255	4	19	23	24	7	31	46	15	61	370
Pamlico	15	7	22	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	1	1	28
Pitt	168	18	186	11	7	18	6	1	7	28	0	28	239
District Totals	364	155	519	18	26	44	40	17	57	77	17	94	714
<i>District 4</i>													
Duplin	38	3	41	0	7	7	1	1	2	1	0	1	51
Jones	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	3	12
Onslow	141	22	163	1	1	2	50	3	53	95	5	100	318
Sampson	33	16	49	1	0	1	53	14	67	55	14	69	186
District Totals	213	47	260	2	8	10	104	20	124	152	21	173	567
<i>District 5</i>													
New Hanover	472	26	498	53	3	56	20	1	21	22	3	25	600
Pender	20	0	20	5	0	5	0	0	0	11	3	14	39
District Totals	492	26	518	58	3	61	20	1	21	33	6	39	639
<i>District 6</i>													
Bertie	10	8	18	1	0	1	0	3	3	5	1	6	28
Halifax	32	37	69	0	8	8	15	17	32	12	2	14	123
Hertford	19	37	56	1	1	2	0	8	8	5	10	15	81
Northampton	13	10	23	1	3	4	0	2	2	7	8	15	44
District Totals	74	92	166	3	12	15	15	30	45	29	21	50	276
<i>District 7</i>													
Edgecombe	101	37	138	8	8	16	4	2	6	18	1	19	179
Nash	180	39	219	7	7	14	24	5	29	20	0	20	282
Wilson	154	29	183	4	5	9	169	3	172	11	0	11	375
District Totals	435	105	540	19	20	39	197	10	207	49	1	50	836
<i>District 8</i>													
Greene	9	13	22	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	2	9	32
Lenoir	129	81	210	12	4	16	6	1	7	46	10	56	289
Wayne	238	19	257	25	2	27	53	1	54	178	10	188	526
District Totals	376	113	489	37	7	44	59	2	61	231	22	253	847

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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Hearings
<i>District 9</i>													
Franklin	18	6	24	3	2	5	14	0	14	1	0	1	44
Granville	32	4	36	0	3	3	1	0	1	1	0	1	41
Person	40	4	44	2	1	3	0	0	0	4	1	5	52
Vance	24	12	36	5	2	7	21	6	27	4	0	4	74
Warren	5	0	5	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	3	7	15
District Totals	119	26	145	10	8	18	38	7	45	14	4	18	226
<i>District 10</i>													
Wake	328	34	362	25	4	29	88	6	94	111	10	121	606
<i>District 11</i>													
Harnett	137	36	173	34	14	48	26	7	33	213	27	240	494
Johnston	70	147	217	8	18	26	3	67	70	14	96	110	423
Lee	77	18	95	5	1	6	8	1	9	11	2	13	123
District Totals	284	201	485	47	33	80	37	75	112	238	125	363	1,040
<i>District 12</i>													
Cumberland	468	273	741	157	102	259	112	24	136	104	45	149	1,285
Hoke	20	12	32	1	12	13	12	0	12	3	2	5	62
District Totals	488	285	773	158	114	272	124	24	148	107	47	154	1,347
<i>District 13</i>													
Bladen	25	23	48	3	9	12	0	8	8	0	2	2	70
Brunswick	27	9	36	8	6	14	5	1	6	19	8	27	83
Columbus	64	5	69	7	4	11	4	1	5	16	18	34	119
District Totals	116	37	153	18	19	37	9	10	19	35	28	63	272
<i>District 14</i>													
Durham	466	173	639	6	14	20	59	44	103	191	29	220	982
<i>District 15A</i>													
Alamance	55	11	66	27	9	36	28	3	31	23	10	33	166
<i>District 15B</i>													
Chaham	29	25	54	6	5	11	1	0	1	9	1	10	76
Orange	136	26	162	13	0	13	38	4	42	100	8	108	325
District Totals	165	51	216	19	5	24	39	4	43	109	9	118	401
<i>District 16</i>													
Robeson	311	27	338	12	1	13	64	2	66	56	3	59	476
Scotland	173	24	197	6	4	10	31	0	31	65	2	67	305
District Totals	484	51	535	18	5	23	95	2	97	121	5	126	781
<i>District 17</i>													
Caswell	7	12	19	2	3	5	0	6	6	1	5	6	36
Rockingham	123	16	139	7	3	10	10	0	10	18	7	25	184
Stokes	35	11	46	8	2	10	5	0	5	6	0	6	67
Surry	132	15	147	12	6	18	3	2	5	12	6	18	188
District Totals	297	54	351	29	14	43	18	8	26	37	18	55	475
<i>District 18</i>													
Guilford	500	196	696	106	49	155	109	26	135	69	28	97	1,083
<i>District 19A</i>													
Cabarrus	108	7	115	5	4	9	13	0	13	23	3	26	163
Rowan	249	35	284	118	24	142	181	33	214	170	15	185	825
District Totals	357	42	399	123	28	151	194	33	227	193	18	211	988

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<i>District 19B</i>													
Montgomery	74	17	91	3	2	5	8	4	12	18	1	19	127
Randolph	552	116	668	55	30	85	42	11	53	63	34	97	903
District Totals	626	133	759	58	32	90	50	15	65	81	35	116	1,030
<i>District 20</i>													
Anson	48	10	58	0	0	0	1	0	1	9	0	9	68
Moore	109	40	149	11	12	23	54	13	67	90	6	96	335
Richmond	62	43	105	0	0	0	21	6	27	11	10	21	153
Stanly	222	7	229	4	5	9	11	0	11	22	2	24	273
Union	157	47	204	0	7	7	12	4	16	15	9	24	251
District Totals	598	147	745	15	24	39	99	23	122	147	27	174	1,080
<i>District 21</i>													
Forsyth	271	59	330	19	25	44	37	3	40	86	7	93	507
<i>District 22</i>													
Alexander	32	7	39	5	3	8	2	0	2	5	4	9	58
Davidson	162	74	236	28	21	49	193	33	226	195	42	237	748
Davie	33	10	43	7	7	14	2	1	3	22	7	29	89
Iredell	96	8	104	26	8	34	15	0	15	44	4	48	201
District Totals	323	99	422	66	39	105	212	34	246	266	57	323	1,096
<i>District 23</i>													
Alleghany	5	0	5	4	0	4	4	0	4	6	0	6	19
Ashe	15	10	25	4	4	8	4	0	4	20	1	21	58
Wilkes	107	12	119	23	11	34	27	0	27	75	9	84	264
Yadkin	44	4	48	17	4	21	8	1	9	64	3	67	145
District Totals	171	26	197	48	19	67	43	1	44	165	13	178	486
<i>District 24</i>													
Avery	24	10	34	7	14	21	6	0	6	43	6	49	110
Madison	20	3	23	3	4	7	3	2	5	53	7	60	95
Mitchell	4	8	12	2	3	5	5	3	8	3	3	6	31
Watauga	14	5	19	5	6	11	4	2	6	2	1	3	39
Yancey	29	5	34	18	4	22	32	1	33	38	4	42	131
District Totals	91	31	122	35	31	66	50	8	58	139	21	160	406
<i>District 25</i>													
Burke	145	37	182	71	23	94	79	7	86	324	11	335	697
Caldwell	179	74	253	96	45	141	40	7	47	73	8	81	522
Catawba	209	27	236	23	6	29	30	5	35	26	3	29	329
District Totals	533	138	671	190	74	264	149	19	168	423	22	445	1,548
<i>District 26</i>													
Mecklenburg	748	360	1,108	14	51	65	15	7	22	177	8	185	1,380
<i>District 27A</i>													
Gaston	301	130	431	27	7	34	78	9	87	23	1	24	576
<i>District 27B</i>													
Cleveland	118	43	161	4	4	8	9	0	9	14	3	17	195
Lincoln	42	25	67	4	1	5	10	0	10	6	0	6	88
District Totals	160	68	228	8	5	13	19	0	19	20	3	23	283
<i>District 28</i>													
Buncombe	108	119	227	52	93	145	8	13	21	7	6	13	406

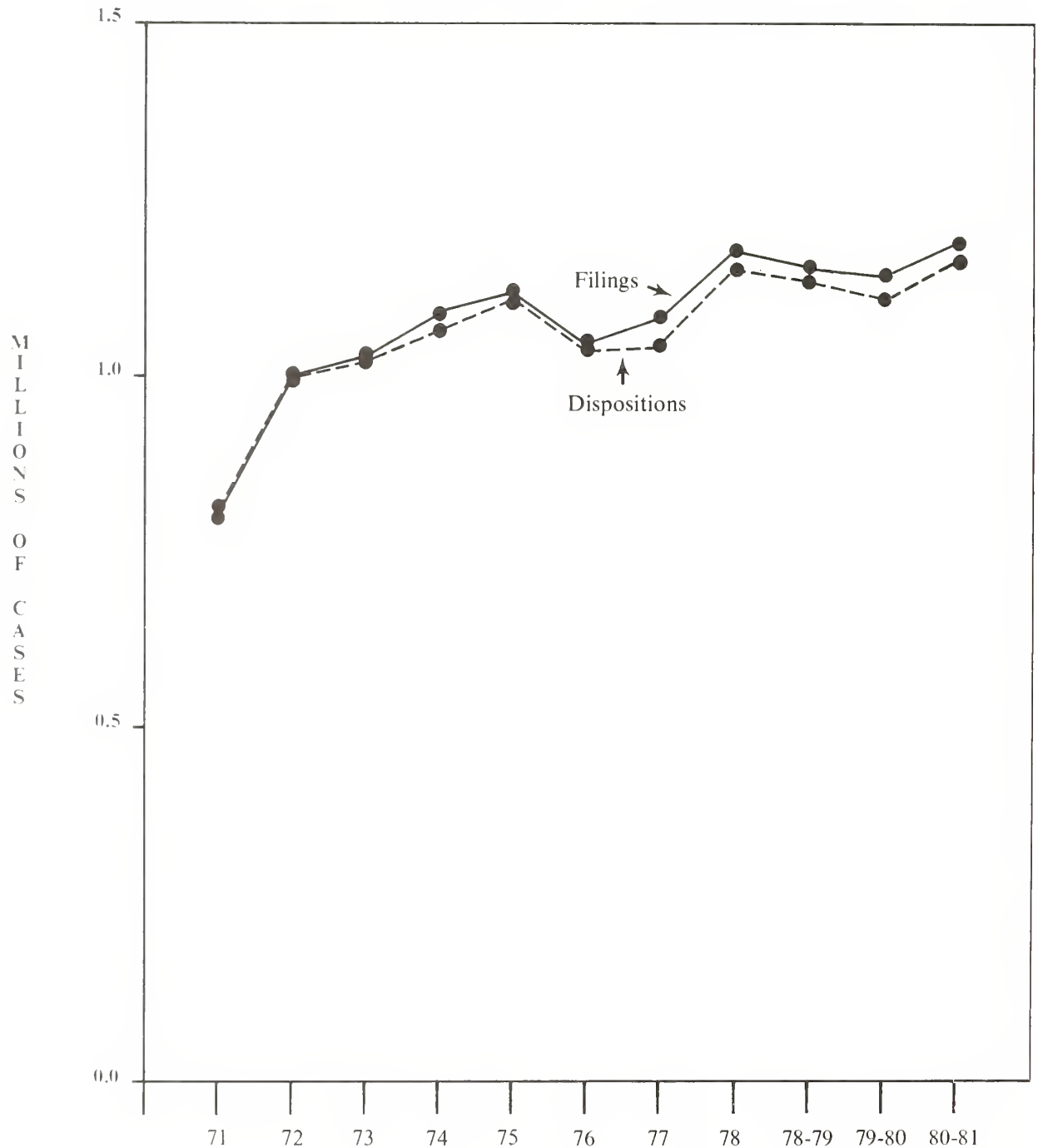
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	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	Retained	Dismissed	Total	
<i>District 29</i>													
Henderson	65	104	169	37	42	79	7	13	20	16	45	61	329
McDowell	37	2	39	29	4	33	6	0	6	6	0	6	84
Polk	3	0	3	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	8
Rutherford	45	4	49	29	0	29	57	1	58	22	2	24	160
Transylvania	18	2	20	4	2	6	8	7	15	0	6	6	47
District Totals	168	112	280	101	50	151	79	21	100	44	53	97	628
<i>District 30</i>													
Cherokee	23	0	23	2	1	3	2	0	2	0	0	0	28
Clay	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Graham	0	3	3	1	3	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	10
Haywood	5	10	15	2	9	11	0	0	0	1	2	3	29
Jackson	0	1	1	0	7	7	0	1	1	0	1	1	10
Macon	7	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
Swain	7	1	8	2	2	4	2	0	2	2	2	4	18
District Totals	42	23	65	7	22	29	4	1	5	6	6	12	111
State Totals	9,982	3,250	13,232	1,365	859	2,224	2,136	491	2,627	3,477	711	4,188	22,271

THE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

Filing And Disposition Trends Of Criminal Cases In The District Courts, 1971-1981



There is an overall upward trend in criminal district court cases during the past decade. Traffic cases dominate criminal filings and dispositions in the district

courts; during the 1980-81 year, 65.7% of the criminal district court filings and 66.4% of the dispositions were traffic cases.

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DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS
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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 1</u>				
Camden	945	688	233	921
Chowan	1,170	771	403	1,174
Currituck	2,636	1,815	798	2,613
Dare	3,586	2,144	1,296	3,440
Gates	1,292	830	408	1,238
Pasquotank	2,727	1,695	1,073	2,768
Perquimans	1,240	920	385	1,305
District Totals	13,596	8,863	4,596	13,459
<u>District 2</u>				
Beaufort	5,773	3,506	2,376	5,882
Hyde	534	253	268	521
Martin	3,262	1,878	1,368	3,246
Tyrrell	568	358	197	555
Washington	1,324	876	479	1,355
District Totals	11,461	6,871	4,688	11,559
<u>District 3</u>				
Carteret	6,441	3,741	2,716	6,457
Craven	11,741	7,012	5,096	12,108
Pamlico	815	462	530	992
Pitt	8,447	4,799	3,760	8,559
District Totals	27,444	16,014	12,102	28,116
<u>District 4</u>				
Duplin	5,607	2,798	2,757	5,555
Jones	1,908	1,231	552	1,783
Onslow	16,086	8,101	8,371	16,472
Sampson	10,989	7,004	4,156	11,160
District Totals	34,590	19,134	15,836	34,970
<u>District 5</u>				
New Hanover	15,212	7,546	7,598	15,144
Pender	3,607	1,848	1,635	3,483
District Totals	18,819	9,394	9,233	18,627
<u>District 6</u>				
Bertie	2,256	1,509	672	2,181
Halifax	12,082	5,731	6,323	12,054
Hertford	3,793	2,522	1,271	3,793
Northampton	5,265	2,894	2,470	5,364
District Totals	23,396	12,656	10,736	23,392
<u>District 7</u>				
Edgecombe	5,080	3,475	1,592	5,067
Nash	10,250	7,065	3,244	10,309
Wilson	7,114	4,986	2,142	7,128
District Totals	22,444	15,526	6,978	22,504
<u>District 8</u>				
Greene	2,178	1,355	847	2,202
Lenoir	7,310	4,018	3,457	7,475
Wayne	10,163	5,931	4,507	10,438
District Totals	19,651	11,304	8,811	20,115
<u>District 9</u>				
Franklin	3,569	1,734	1,843	3,577
Granville	6,005	3,483	2,451	5,934
Person	2,723	1,291	1,475	2,766
Vance	5,183	2,965	2,207	5,172
Warren	3,159	1,991	1,219	3,210
District Totals	20,639	11,464	9,195	20,659

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 10</u>				
Wake	45,390	24,380	19,505	43,885
<u>District 11</u>				
Harnett	8,003	4,685	3,433	8,118
Johnston	9,926	5,482	5,083	10,565
Lee	3,772	2,292	1,290	3,582
District Totals	21,701	12,459	9,806	22,265
<u>District 12</u>				
Cumberland	39,586	22,649	16,720	39,369
Hoke	2,420	1,551	927	2,478
District Totals	42,006	24,200	17,647	41,847
<u>District 13</u>				
Bladen	7,405	4,000	3,123	7,123
Brunswick	4,474	2,462	1,979	4,441
Columbus	8,703	4,236	4,310	8,546
District Totals	20,582	10,698	9,412	20,110
<u>District 14</u>				
Durham	17,695	9,813	8,231	18,044
<u>District 15A</u>				
Alamance	13,922	8,838	5,112	13,950
<u>District 15B</u>				
Chatham	3,398	2,024	1,382	3,406
Orange	9,621	4,485	4,793	9,278
District Totals	13,019	6,509	6,175	12,684
<u>District 16</u>				
Robeson	16,404	8,052	8,235	16,287
Scotland	4,163	2,555	1,432	3,987
District Totals	20,567	10,607	9,667	20,274
<u>District 17</u>				
Caswell	2,092	1,352	654	2,006
Rockingham	9,434	5,983	3,709	9,692
Stokes	3,976	2,451	1,318	3,769
Surry	7,891	4,656	2,933	7,589
District Totals	23,393	14,442	8,614	23,056
<u>District 18</u>				
Guilford	34,374	20,178	11,920	32,098
High Point	9,633	5,197	4,209	9,406
District Totals	44,007	25,375	16,129	41,504
<u>District 19A</u>				
Cabarrus	13,989	9,237	4,911	14,148
Rowan	12,956	8,402	4,220	12,622
District Totals	26,945	17,639	9,131	26,770
<u>District 19B</u>				
Montgomery	4,875	3,235	1,348	4,583
Randolph	9,216	5,946	3,339	9,285
District Totals	14,091	9,181	4,687	13,868

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	Total Filed	Dispositions		
		Waiver	Other	Total Dispositions
<u>District 20</u>				
Anson	4,123	2,553	1,511	4,064
Moore	6,184	3,176	3,240	6,416
Richmond	3,101	1,837	1,432	3,269
Stanly	5,470	2,956	2,428	5,384
Union	5,858	3,580	2,301	5,881
District Totals	24,736	14,102	10,912	25,014
<u>District 21</u>				
Forsyth	34,343	21,965	13,128	35,093
<u>District 22</u>				
Alexander	1,463	685	831	1,516
Davidson	12,689	7,626	4,555	12,181
Davie	3,763	2,683	1,265	3,948
Iredell	11,758	8,213	3,748	11,961
District Totals	29,673	19,207	10,399	29,606
<u>District 23</u>				
Alleghany	729	395	306	701
Ashe	1,824	1,069	706	1,775
Wilkes	6,842	4,200	2,583	6,783
Yadkin	4,129	2,541	1,541	4,082
District Totals	13,524	8,205	5,136	13,341
<u>District 24</u>				
Avery	1,778	966	821	1,787
Madison	1,677	1,010	595	1,605
Mitchell	917	555	428	983
Watauga	3,511	1,801	1,487	3,288
Yancey	992	511	474	985
District Totals	8,875	4,843	3,805	8,648
<u>District 25</u>				
Burke	9,996	6,362	3,822	10,184
Caldwell	6,719	3,688	3,082	6,770
Catawba	13,279	7,558	6,022	13,580
District Totals	29,994	17,608	12,926	30,534
<u>District 26</u>				
Mecklenburg	53,538	30,384	21,783	52,167
<u>District 27A</u>				
Gaston	16,869	9,115	7,316	16,431
<u>District 27B</u>				
Cleveland	8,669	5,047	3,605	8,652
Lincoln	4,687	2,689	2,103	4,792
District Totals	13,356	7,736	5,708	13,444
<u>District 28</u>				
Buncombe	16,959	10,700	5,898	16,598
<u>District 29</u>				
Henderson	7,201	4,584	2,815	7,399
McDowell	6,031	4,152	1,800	5,952
Polk	1,874	1,155	748	1,903
Rutherford	3,293	2,069	1,167	3,236
Transylvania	2,180	1,380	764	2,144
District Totals	20,579	13,340	7,294	20,634

**MOTOR VEHICLE CRIMINAL CASE FILINGS AND
DISPOSITIONS IN THE DISTRICT COURTS**

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	<u>Total Filed</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>		
		<u>Waiver</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total Dispositions</u>
<i>District 30</i>				
Cherokee	2,211	1,396	945	2,341
Clay	501	335	234	569
Graham	582	288	271	559
Haywood	5,764	3,320	2,532	5,852
Jackson	2,775	1,549	1,343	2,892
Macon	3,236	1,803	1,314	3,117
Swain	570	526	218	744
District Totals	15,639	9,217	6,857	16,074
State Totals	773,443	451,789	317,453	769,242

CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	<u>Pending 7/1/80</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>% Caseload Disposed</u>	<u>Pending 6/30/81</u>
<i><u>District 1</u></i>						
Camden	15	108	123	115	93.4	8
Chowan	84	963	1,047	971	92.7	76
Currituck	51	475	526	478	90.8	48
Dare	113	1,253	1,366	1,183	86.6	183
Gates	6	263	269	241	89.5	28
Pasquotank	119	1,852	1,971	1,848	93.7	123
Perquimans	21	354	375	331	88.2	44
District Totals	409	5,268	5,677	5,167	91.0	510
<i><u>District 2</u></i>						
Beaufort	154	2,576	2,730	2,537	92.9	193
Hyde	11	303	314	303	96.4	11
Martin	73	1,877	1,950	1,816	93.1	134
Tyrrell	7	186	193	163	84.4	30
Washington	25	612	637	620	97.3	17
District Totals	270	5,554	5,824	5,439	93.3	385
<i><u>District 3</u></i>						
Carteret	585	5,089	5,674	4,709	82.9	965
Craven	578	4,808	5,386	4,818	89.4	568
Pamlico	25	530	555	511	92.0	44
Pitt	785	8,083	8,868	8,107	91.4	761
District Totals	1,973	18,510	20,483	18,145	88.5	2,338
<i><u>District 4</u></i>						
Duplin	227	2,351	2,578	2,276	88.2	302
Jones	39	382	421	394	93.5	27
Onslow	828	8,885	9,713	8,777	90.3	936
Sampson	386	3,534	3,920	3,289	83.9	631
District Totals	1,480	15,152	16,632	14,736	88.6	1,896
<i><u>District 5</u></i>						
New Hanover	1,173	11,104	12,277	10,808	88.0	1,469
Pender	116	1,050	1,166	1,009	86.5	157
District Totals	1,289	12,154	13,443	11,817	87.9	1,626
<i><u>District 6</u></i>						
Bertie	70	958	1,028	972	94.5	56
Halifax	367	4,396	4,763	4,409	92.5	354
Hertford	163	1,666	1,829	1,618	88.4	211
Northampton	53	926	979	916	93.5	63
District Totals	653	7,946	8,599	7,915	92.0	684
<i><u>District 7</u></i>						
Edgecombe	553	4,551	5,104	4,569	89.5	535
Nash	775	5,448	6,223	5,437	87.3	786
Wilson	823	5,348	6,171	5,149	83.4	1,022
District Totals	2,151	15,347	17,498	15,155	86.6	2,343
<i><u>District 8</u></i>						
Greene	129	918	1,047	951	90.8	96
Lenoir	643	5,442	6,085	5,497	90.3	588
Wayne	813	6,845	7,658	6,803	88.8	855
District Totals	1,585	13,205	14,790	13,251	89.5	1,539
<i><u>District 9</u></i>						
Franklin	252	1,742	1,994	1,789	89.7	205
Granville	145	2,061	2,206	2,032	92.1	174
Person	193	1,564	1,757	1,512	86.0	245
Vance	388	3,297	3,685	3,441	93.3	244
Warren	144	889	1,033	756	73.1	277
District Totals	1,122	9,553	10,675	9,530	89.2	1,145

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	Pending 7/1/80	Filed	Total Caseload	Dispositions	% Caseload Disposed	Pending 6/30/81
<u>District 10</u>						
Wake	3,178	26,318	29,496	25,035	84.8	4,461
<u>District 11</u>						
Harnett	295	3,427	3,722	3,101	83.3	621
Johnston	500	4,792	5,292	4,509	85.2	783
Lee	271	3,955	4,226	3,838	90.8	388
District Totals	1,066	12,174	13,240	11,448	86.4	1,792
<u>District 12</u>						
Cumberland	3,161	27,224	30,385	26,745	88.0	3,640
Hoke	145	1,519	1,664	1,513	90.9	151
District Totals	3,306	28,743	32,049	28,258	88.1	3,791
<u>District 13</u>						
Bladen	262	2,606	2,868	2,482	86.5	386
Brunswick	279	2,377	2,656	2,342	88.1	314
Columbus	303	3,849	4,152	3,726	89.7	426
District Totals	844	8,832	9,676	8,550	88.3	1,126
<u>District 14</u>						
Durham	1,357	13,321	14,678	12,313	83.8	2,365
<u>District 15A</u>						
Alamance	530	6,074	6,604	5,904	89.4	700
<u>District 15B</u>						
Chatham	126	1,343	1,469	1,339	91.1	130
Orange	443	4,177	4,620	4,004	86.6	616
District Totals	569	5,520	6,089	5,343	87.7	746
<u>District 16</u>						
Robeson	1,184	9,186	10,370	9,002	86.8	1,368
Scotland	416	3,644	4,060	3,429	84.4	631
District Totals	1,600	12,830	14,430	12,431	86.1	1,999
<u>District 17</u>						
Caswell	118	984	1,102	946	85.8	156
Rockingham	532	5,485	6,017	5,381	89.4	636
Stokes	135	1,018	1,153	1,003	86.9	150
Surry	345	2,964	3,309	2,714	82.0	595
District Totals	1,130	10,451	11,581	10,044	86.7	1,537
<u>District 18</u>						
Guilford	4,132	23,543	27,675	22,381	80.8	5,294
<u>District 19A</u>						
Cabarrus	343	4,431	4,774	4,206	88.1	568
Rowan	448	4,214	4,662	3,944	84.5	718
District Totals	791	8,645	9,436	8,150	86.3	1,286
<u>District 19B</u>						
Montgomery	288	2,197	2,485	2,014	81.0	471
Randolph	307	3,833	4,140	3,772	91.1	368
District Totals	595	6,030	6,625	5,786	87.3	839

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<u>District 20</u>						
Anson	144	1,437	1,581	1,428	90.3	153
Moore	301	3,495	3,796	3,328	87.6	468
Richmond	283	2,911	3,194	2,822	88.3	372
Stanly	259	2,530	2,789	2,391	85.7	398
Union	389	4,151	4,540	4,101	90.3	439
District Totals	1,376	14,524	15,900	14,070	88.4	1,830
<u>District 21</u>						
Forsyth	2,160	13,810	15,970	12,818	80.2	3,152
<u>District 22</u>						
Alexander	124	1,082	1,206	1,023	84.8	183
Davidson	768	6,588	7,356	6,609	89.8	747
Davie	101	847	948	834	87.9	114
Iredell	622	5,568	6,190	5,302	85.6	888
District Totals	1,615	14,085	15,700	13,768	87.6	1,932
<u>District 23</u>						
Alleghany	44	344	388	355	91.4	33
Ashe	60	864	924	866	93.7	58
Wilkes	344	3,503	3,847	2,775	72.1	1,072
Yadkin	117	1,063	1,180	1,052	89.1	128
District Totals	565	5,774	6,339	5,048	79.6	1,291
<u>District 24</u>						
Avery	94	611	705	440	62.4	265
Madison	86	403	489	408	83.4	81
Mitchell	48	407	455	355	78.0	100
Watauga	114	1,225	1,339	1,107	82.6	232
Yancey	116	655	771	681	88.3	90
District Totals	458	3,301	3,759	2,991	79.5	768
<u>District 25</u>						
Burke	402	3,389	3,791	3,513	92.6	278
Caldwell	391	3,986	4,377	3,814	87.1	563
Catawba	556	6,624	7,180	6,560	91.3	620
District Totals	1,349	13,999	15,348	13,887	90.4	1,461
<u>District 26</u>						
Mecklenburg	6,502	25,804	32,306	23,573	72.9	8,733
<u>District 27A</u>						
Gaston	1,433	12,469	13,902	12,301	88.4	1,601
<u>District 27B</u>						
Cleveland	540	4,487	5,027	4,567	90.8	460
Lincoln	271	2,214	2,485	2,256	90.7	229
District Totals	811	6,701	7,512	6,823	90.8	689
<u>District 28</u>						
Buncombe	1,077	11,463	12,540	11,463	91.4	1,077
<u>District 29</u>						
Henderson	465	4,032	4,497	4,000	88.9	497
McDowell	250	1,554	1,804	1,436	79.6	368
Polk	99	538	637	496	77.8	141
Rutherford	315	2,871	3,186	2,794	87.6	392
Transylvania	125	832	957	823	85.9	134
District Totals	1,254	9,827	11,081	9,549	86.1	1,532

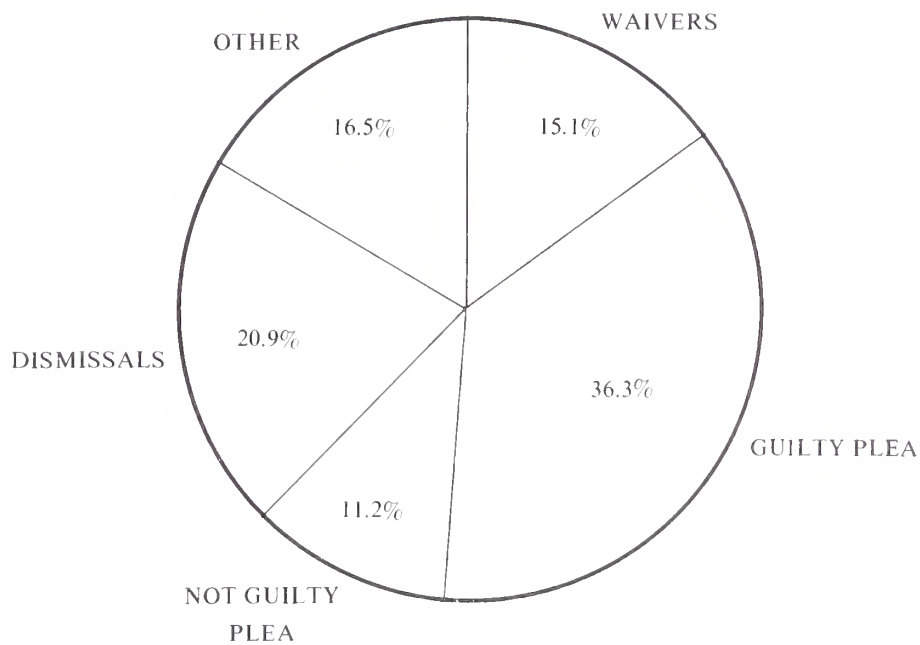
**CASELOAD INVENTORY FOR CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES
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	<u>Pending 7/1/80</u>	<u>Filed</u>	<u>Total Caseload</u>	<u>Dispositions</u>	<u>% Caseload Disposed</u>	<u>Pending 6/30/81</u>
<i>District 30</i>						
Cherokee	138	619	757	643	84.9	114
Clay	28	178	206	203	98.5	3
Graham	49	346	395	318	80.5	77
Haywood	763	2,574	3,337	2,599	77.8	738
Jackson	142	1,064	1,206	993	82.3	213
Macon	237	798	1,035	676	65.3	359
Swain	62	394	456	376	82.4	80
District Totals	1,419	5,973	7,392	5,808	78.5	1,584
State Totals	50,049	402,900	452,949	388,897	85.8	64,052

METHODS OF DISPOSITION OF DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

1980-81



As with superior court criminal cases, more district court criminal cases are disposed of by guilty plea than by any other method. The waivers depicted here are in

worthless check cases; dismissals include speedy trial and prosecutor dismissals (both with and without leave).

MANNER OF DISPOSITION OF CRIMINAL NON-MOTOR VEHICLE CASES IN THE DISTRICT COURTS

July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

	Waiver			Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea				Speedy		% Disposed
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal By D.A.	Trial Dismissal	Other	By Waiver
<i>District 1</i>												
Camden	115	0	0	29	29	23	0	15	5	0	14	.0
Chowan	971	114	36	264	71	111	0	99	73	0	203	15.4
Currituck	478	28	2	108	83	136	0	23	88	0	10	6.2
Dare	1,183	33	76	344	177	131	0	118	173	0	131	9.2
Gates	241	28	8	74	40	32	1	29	15	0	14	14.9
Pasquotank	1,848	97	134	697	115	449	0	131	168	0	57	12.5
Perquimans	331	13	0	71	32	78	0	44	50	0	43	3.9
District Totals	5,167	313	256	1,587	547	960	1	459	572	0	472	11.0
<i>District 2</i>												
Beaufort	2,537	496	61	842	129	504	0	210	150	0	145	21.9
Hyde	303	3	18	71	63	79	0	21	19	0	29	6.9
Martin	1,816	260	48	620	45	288	0	151	131	0	273	16.9
Tyrrell	163	11	4	30	18	35	0	10	25	0	30	9.2
Washington	620	83	29	173	20	157	0	89	42	0	27	18.0
District Totals	5,439	853	160	1,736	275	1,063	0	481	367	0	504	18.6
<i>District 3</i>												
Carteret	4,709	199	228	1,428	518	306	2	413	1,087	0	528	9.0
Craven	4,818	791	147	1,455	213	465	0	393	1,108	3	243	19.4
Pamlico	511	15	14	130	90	68	0	80	92	0	22	5.6
Pitt	8,107	1,374	923	2,563	217	792	0	613	1,407	0	218	28.3
District Totals	18,145	2,379	1,312	5,576	1,038	1,631	2	1,499	3,694	3	1,011	20.3
<i>District 4</i>												
Duplin	2,276	352	252	756	0	52	0	28	273	0	563	26.5
Jones	394	21	13	130	24	52	0	33	88	0	33	8.6
Onslow	8,777	913	430	3,269	233	478	0	18	1,704	0	1,732	15.3
Sampson	3,289	694	278	1,062	5	94	3	0	413	0	740	29.5
District Totals	14,736	1,980	973	5,217	262	676	3	79	2,478	0	3,068	20.0
<i>District 5</i>												
New Hanover	10,808	1,398	472	3,839	264	1,564	2	1,215	1,690	0	364	17.3
Pender	1,009	5	13	293	217	184	0	79	161	0	57	1.7
District Totals	11,817	1,403	485	4,132	481	1,748	2	1,294	1,851	0	421	15.9
<i>District 6</i>												
Bertie	972	50	71	266	63	194	5	123	139	0	61	12.4
Halifax	4,409	461	97	1,050	496	596	0	421	1,000	1	287	12.6
Hertford	1,618	394	31	376	65	239	7	144	200	0	162	26.2
Northampton	916	55	49	231	135	135	3	51	169	0	88	11.3
District Totals	7,915	960	248	1,923	759	1,164	15	739	1,508	1	598	15.2
<i>District 7</i>												
Edgecombe	4,569	743	363	1,400	254	563	0	204	837	0	205	24.2
Nash	5,437	1,231	450	1,518	215	517	0	309	938	7	252	30.9
Wilson	5,149	698	251	1,536	166	514	0	403	1,053	3	525	18.4
District Totals	15,155	2,672	1,064	4,454	635	1,594	0	916	2,828	10	982	24.6
<i>District 8</i>												
Greene	951	88	5	277	64	114	0	83	218	0	102	9.7
Lenoir	5,497	55	0	1,692	796	455	0	228	1,608	0	663	1.0
Wayne	6,803	498	752	1,758	224	517	2	200	2,235	0	617	18.3
District Totals	13,251	641	757	3,727	1,084	1,086	2	511	4,061	0	1,382	10.5

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	Waiver			Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea		Speedy Trial			% Disposed	
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal By D.A.	Dismissal Other	By	Waiver
<i>District 9</i>												
Franklin	1,789	368	60	433	79	257	0	200	294	0	98	23.9
Granville	2,032	333	222	595	126	278	0	140	255	0	83	27.3
Person	1,512	138	13	439	115	285	0	133	301	0	88	9.9
Vance	3,441	526	264	801	9	435	0	210	702	0	494	22.9
Warren	756	98	11	195	34	188	0	53	151	0	26	14.4
District Totals	9,530	1,463	570	2,463	363	1,443	0	736	1,703	0	789	21.3
<i>District 10</i>												
Wake	25,035	503	5,576	7,915	970	1,871	2	1,572	5,632	0	994	24.2
<i>District 11</i>												
Harnett	3,101	369	329	1,080	124	296	0	157	368	0	378	22.5
Johnston	4,509	729	571	1,372	153	452	0	220	672	0	340	28.8
Lee	3,838	1,014	94	1,315	48	406	0	201	487	0	273	28.8
District Totals	11,448	2,112	994	3,767	325	1,154	0	578	1,527	0	991	27.1
<i>District 12</i>												
Cumberland	26,745	297	5,061	6,256	307	1,793	0	45	5,709	0	7,277	20.0
Hoke	1,513	72	322	390	21	264	0	62	302	0	80	26.0
District Totals	28,258	369	5,383	6,646	328	2,057	0	107	6,011	0	7,357	20.3
<i>District 13</i>												
Bladen	2,482	158	179	875	348	185	6	74	563	0	94	13.5
Brunswick	2,342	216	19	732	207	307	0	127	624	0	110	10.0
Columbus	3,726	539	560	1,056	108	396	0	114	826	0	127	29.4
District Totals	8,550	913	758	2,663	663	888	6	315	2,013	0	331	19.5
<i>District 14</i>												
Durham	12,313	561	1,318	5,162	1	903	0	585	2,737	0	1,046	15.2
<i>District 15A</i>												
Alamance	5,904	461	63	2,348	238	1,021	0	398	1,143	0	232	8.8
<i>District 15B</i>												
Chatham	1,339	158	103	333	194	123	0	174	204	0	50	19.4
Orange	4,004	568	6	1,227	117	401	0	368	1,245	0	72	14.3
District Totals	5,343	726	109	1,560	311	524	0	542	1,449	0	122	15.6
<i>District 16</i>												
Robeson	9,002	1,455	103	3,515	42	818	0	870	353	0	1,846	17.3
Scotland	3,429	421	57	1,083	134	374	0	264	266	0	830	13.9
District Totals	12,431	1,876	160	4,598	176	1,192	0	1,134	619	0	2,676	16.3
<i>District 17</i>												
Caswell	946	61	7	232	98	237	3	140	108	0	60	7.1
Rockingham	5,381	641	79	1,593	161	932	0	258	830	0	887	13.3
Stokes	1,003	57	35	166	63	200	0	55	203	0	224	9.1
Surry	2,714	247	6	739	90	373	0	363	594	0	302	9.3
District Totals	10,044	1,006	127	2,730	412	1,742	3	816	1,735	0	1,473	11.3
<i>District 18</i>												
Guilford	22,381	350	683	8,281	1,407	2,796	2	1,011	6,598	0	1,253	4.6
<i>District 19A</i>												
Cabarrus	4,206	477	230	1,231	216	702	2	682	595	0	71	16.8
Rowan	3,944	214	145	1,129	243	771	0	675	556	0	211	9.1
District Totals	8,150	691	375	2,360	459	1,473	2	1,357	1,151	0	282	13.0

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		Waiver		Guilty Plea		Not Guilty Plea				Speedy		% Disposed
	Total	Magis-	Clerk	Judge	Magis-	Judge	Magis-	Prelim.	Dismissal	Trial	Other	By Waiver
	Disposed	trate			trate		trate	Hearing	By D.A.	Dismissal		
<i>District 19B</i>												
Montgomery	2,014	288	0	305	417	298	0	161	530	0	15	14.2
Randolph	3,772	753	0	1,024	102	491	1	448	915	0	38	19.9
District Totals	5,786	1,041	0	1,329	519	789	1	609	1,445	0	53	17.9
<i>District 20</i>												
Anson	1,428	123	7	446	111	282	0	137	295	0	27	9.1
Moore	3,328	498	342	832	65	459	0	402	617	0	113	25.2
Richmond	2,822	318	83	733	107	474	0	448	603	0	56	14.2
Stanly	2,391	461	11	835	192	110	0	358	367	0	57	19.7
Union	4,101	732	15	1,050	83	711	1	611	783	0	115	18.2
District Totals	14,070	2,132	458	3,896	558	2,036	1	1,956	2,665	0	368	18.4
<i>District 21</i>												
Forsyth	12,818	2	1,858	3,838	104	2,765	0	1,380	1,909	0	962	14.5
<i>District 22</i>												
Alexander	1,023	43	10	239	178	141	0	52	273	0	87	5.1
Davidson	6,609	219	239	2,177	260	1,032	0	321	2,054	0	307	6.9
Davie	834	77	2	215	33	92	0	116	228	0	71	9.4
Iredell	5,302	587	26	1,776	305	637	0	391	1,465	0	115	11.5
District Totals	13,768	926	277	4,407	776	1,902	0	880	4,020	0	580	8.7
<i>District 23</i>												
Alleghany	355	35	10	119	17	74	0	12	53	0	35	12.6
Ashe	866	35	115	288	52	185	0	36	9	0	146	17.3
Wilkes	2,775	352	115	802	105	614	3	179	357	0	248	16.8
Yadkin	1,052	101	26	288	38	270	0	140	72	0	117	12.0
District Totals	5,048	523	266	1,497	212	1,143	3	367	491	0	546	15.6
<i>District 24</i>												
Avery	440	94	12	74	29	45	15	38	96	0	37	24.0
Madison	408	1	0	49	7	70	0	28	154	3	96	.2
Mitchell	355	25	10	77	12	58	0	30	108	0	35	9.8
Watauga	1,107	94	34	256	90	107	14	61	325	0	126	11.5
Yancey	681	14	1	81	286	103	1	39	148	0	8	2.2
District Totals	2,991	228	57	537	424	383	30	196	831	3	302	9.5
<i>District 25</i>												
Burke	3,513	299	139	877	122	290	0	391	1,101	0	294	12.4
Caldwell	3,814	238	1	1,260	306	316	13	137	1,169	1	373	6.2
Catawba	6,560	728	166	2,086	258	489	0	557	1,170	0	1,106	13.6
District Totals	13,887	1,265	306	4,223	686	1,095	13	1,085	3,440	1	1,773	11.3
<i>District 26</i>												
Mecklenburg	23,573	1,035	2	6,706	3,183	2,457	3	1,844	6,976	2	1,365	4.3
<i>District 27A</i>												
Gaston	12,301	957	0	3,688	573	1,362	0	89	3,387	0	2,245	7.7
<i>District 27B</i>												
Cleveland	4,567	465	28	1,635	154	354	0	408	1,192	0	331	10.7
Lincoln	2,256	224	104	668	116	270	0	143	549	0	182	14.5
District Totals	6,823	689	132	2,303	270	624	0	551	1,741	0	513	12.0
<i>District 28</i>												
Buncombe	11,463	1,510	569	5,116	79	711	0	823	1,160	0	1,495	18.1

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July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981

		<u>Waiver</u>		<u>Guilty Plea</u>		<u>Not Guilty Plea</u>						
	Total Disposed	Magis- trate	Clerk	Judge	Magis- trate	Judge	Magis- trate	Prelim. Hearing	Dismissal By D.A.	Speedy Trial Dismissal	Other	% Disposed By Waiver
<i><u>District 29</u></i>												
Henderson	4,000	8	26	1,204	976	162	0	144	607	0	873	.8
McDowell	1,436	108	14	499	204	100	0	123	339	0	49	8.4
Polk	496	5	5	140	34	60	0	25	151	0	76	2.0
Rutherford	2,794	101	4	848	578	415	1	133	468	0	246	3.7
Transylvania	823	45	24	204	189	47	0	51	197	0	66	8.3
District Totals	9,549	267	73	2,895	1,981	784	1	476	1,762	0	1,310	3.5
<i><u>District 30</u></i>												
Cherokee	643	12	43	173	0	10	0	62	260	0	83	8.5
Clay	203	0	13	34	50	16	0	33	48	0	9	6.4
Graham	318	5	2	58	119	4	1	6	89	0	34	2.2
Haywood	2,599	186	24	879	49	119	1	292	1,011	0	38	8.0
Jackson	993	35	62	162	69	29	0	21	217	0	398	9.7
Macon	676	37	14	99	127	25	0	90	169	0	115	7.5
Swain	376	23	0	74	90	33	1	17	89	0	49	6.1
District Totals	5,808	298	158	1,479	504	236	3	521	1,883	0	726	7.8
State Totals	388,897	33,105	25,527	120,759	20,603	43,273	95	25,906	81,387	20	38,222	15.0

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					61-120		121-180	181-365				365 +				
District 1																
Camden	8	10.4	5.0	8	0	0	0	25.8	23.0	104	9	1	1	0	0	0
Chowan	76	170.4	58.5	39	6	10	6	18.0	12.0	921	37	12	0	1	1	1
Currituck	48	27.0	21.0	40	8	0	0	26.3	16.0	433	31	4	10	0	0	0
Dare	183	169.9	43.0	97	15	9	28	24.1	15.0	1,106	54	9	9	5	5	5
Gates	28	30.7	35.0	25	3	0	0	21.2	14.0	225	16	0	0	0	0	0
Pasquotank	123	47.9	15.0	100	14	0	8	24.2	17.0	1,766	59	15	6	2	2	2
Perquimans	44	194.1	56.0	27	0	6	5	23.3	15.0	305	25	0	1	0	0	0
District Totals	510	119.0	29.0	336	46	25	47	23.0	15.0	4,860	231	41	27	8	8	8
District 2																
Beaufort	193	365.6	145.0	83	12	5	42	16.8	6.0	2,457	45	11	5	19	19	19
Hyde	11	32.6	13.0	10	0	1	0	21.2	11.0	291	7	1	1	3	3	3
Martin	134	78.4	18.0	100	20	2	7	22.0	7.0	1,709	71	6	14	16	16	16
Tyrrell	30	29.6	24.5	26	4	0	0	25.0	14.0	152	6	3	1	1	1	1
Washington	17	73.2	12.0	10	1	2	4	15.0	9.0	602	9	7	2	0	0	0
District Totals	385	217.0	33.0	229	37	10	53	18.8	7.0	5,211	138	28	23	39	39	39
District 3																
Carteret	965	145.1	88.0	385	161	101	219	40.6	20.0	3,849	549	156	140	15	15	15
Craven	568	139.5	290.0	382	81	31	30	36.2	18.0	4,136	447	118	82	35	35	35
Pamlico	44	41.5	24.5	37	3	0	4	21.9	11.0	479	21	8	2	1	1	1
Pitt	761	95.6	22.0	559	103	24	29	35.7	18.0	7,182	570	159	125	71	71	71
District Totals	2,338	125.7	39.0	1,363	348	156	282	36.7	18.0	15,646	1,587	441	349	122	122	122
District 4																
Duplin	302	89.2	69.0	144	91	43	10	32.3	16.0	1,974	215	31	36	20	20	20
Jones	27	28.9	15.0	24	3	0	0	27.7	17.0	359	24	8	3	0	0	0
Onslow	936	39.3	22.0	757	126	28	5	33.1	22.0	7,520	906	225	122	4	4	4
Sampson	631	104.6	43.0	352	129	33	73	36.6	27.0	2,746	446	69	24	4	4	4
District Totals	1,896	68.8	29.0	1,277	349	104	103	33.6	22.0	12,599	1,591	333	185	28	28	28
District 5																
New Hanover	1,469	103.9	41.0	865	272	94	149	30.0	15.0	9,677	704	179	186	62	62	62
Pender	157	314.2	53.0	79	11	10	13	22.9	9.0	931	56	7	12	3	3	3
District Totals	1,626	124.2	41.0	944	283	104	162	29.4	15.0	10,608	760	186	198	65	65	65
District 6																
Bertie	56	29.2	12.5	44	10	2	0	23.2	14.0	911	43	4	10	4	4	4
Halifax	354	43.4	22.0	273	53	12	16	31.7	21.0	3,746	537	86	37	3	3	3
Hertford	211	135.9	61.0	105	32	18	40	24.5	13.0	1,454	131	17	12	4	4	4
Northampton	63	51.7	22.0	47	7	5	4	21.0	10.0	844	58	9	4	1	1	1
District Totals	684	71.5	32.0	469	102	37	60	27.9	15.0	6,955	769	116	63	12	12	12

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	Total Pending	Mean Age	Median Age		0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365	Total Disposed	Mean Age	Median Age	0-60	61-120	121-180	181-365	> 365
District 7																	
Edgecombe	535	75.1	35.0	348	96	48	14	29		4,569	38.9	20.0	3,682	556	206	110	15
Nash	786	134.9	41.0	471	108	52	71	84		5,437	46.8	21.0	4,227	711	256	191	52
Wilson	1,022	159.1	51.5	528	186	89	103	116		5,149	43.6	21.0	3,927	780	234	189	19
District Totals	2,343	131.8	43.0	1,347	390	189	188	229		15,155	43.3	21.0	11,836	2,047	696	490	86
District 8																	
Green	96	38.9	33.0	77	17	0	2	0		951	33.7	18.0	795	104	38	12	2
Lenoir	588	47.4	29.0	433	95	43	14	2		5,497	40.6	22.0	4,396	745	197	128	31
Wayne	855	54.8	33.0	590	171	56	30	8		6,803	43.3	24.0	5,431	874	242	204	52
District Totals	1,539	51.0	32.0	1,100	284	99	46	10		13,251	41.5	23.0	10,622	1,723	477	344	85
District 9																	
Franklin	205	314.1	34.0	113	9	6	10	67		1,789	39.9	17.0	1,543	132	44	37	33
Granville	174	170.9	30.5	121	23	9	4	17		2,032	27.7	14.0	1,860	109	30	22	11
Person	245	118.6	27.0	152	24	6	44	19		1,512	27.7	15.0	1,308	167	25	10	2
Vance	244	120.2	35.0	146	25	12	36	25		3,441	34.1	15.0	3,043	238	64	58	38
Warren	277	302.3	192.0	87	37	13	50	90		756	27.3	11.0	690	45	6	10	5
District Totals	1,145	206.3	48.0	619	118	46	144	218		9,530	32.3	14.0	8,444	691	169	137	89
District 10																	
Wake	4,461	114.9	43.0	2,586	865	349	387	274		25,035	47.4	27.0	19,520	3,333	988	1,060	134
District 11																	
Harnett	621	128.6	85.0	272	127	62	106	54		3,101	27.5	16.0	2,778	227	51	43	2
Johnston	783	146.9	76.0	339	131	49	192	72		4,509	34.2	16.0	3,858	349	163	132	7
Lee	388	88.9	35.0	246	67	26	24	25		3,838	27.1	14.0	3,466	279	53	24	16
District Totals	1,792	128.0	64.0	857	325	137	322	151		11,448	30.0	16.0	10,102	855	267	199	25
District 12																	
Cumberland	3,640	64.3	40.0	2,267	872	311	134	56		26,745	41.9	24.0	20,479	3,877	1,585	772	32
Hoke	151	51.8	27.0	109	24	10	8	0		1,513	36.9	23.0	1,257	173	45	38	0
District Totals	3,791	63.8	39.0	2,376	896	321	142	56		28,258	41.6	24.0	21,736	4,050	1,630	810	32
District 13																	
Bladen	386	145.9	35.0	243	42	12	42	47		2,482	34.7	22.0	2,120	266	53	32	11
Brunswick	314	113.5	50.5	166	38	34	52	24		2,342	38.3	25.0	1,873	346	81	37	5
Columbus	426	73.1	34.0	277	86	28	15	20		3,726	31.4	21.0	3,186	422	82	35	1
District Totals	1,126	109.3	40.0	686	166	74	109	91		8,550	34.2	22.0	7,179	1,034	215	104	17
District 14																	
Durham	2,365	122.1	49.0	1,337	416	169	211	232		12,313	36.9	21.0	9,990	1,686	398	218	21

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District 15A														
Alamance	700	84.0	26.0	507	60	39	48	46	5,904	323	59	49	7	
District 15B														
Chatham	130	45.3	22.0	97	22	5	5	1	1,339	58	29	8	4	
Orange	616	105.5	42.0	366	84	36	90	40	4,004	608	118	87	9	
District Totals	746	95.0	34.0	463	106	41	95	41	5,343	666	147	95	13	
District 16														
Robeson	1,368	92.4	46.0	770	317	83	124	74	9,002	1,522	432	107	6	
Scotland	631	159.5	84.0	278	80	64	121	88	3,429	351	92	65	22	
District Totals	1,999	113.6	55.0	1,048	397	147	245	162	12,431	1,873	524	172	28	
District 17														
Caswell	156	131.2	68.0	73	17	10	52	4	946	83	10	28	6	
Rockingham	636	125.6	34.0	397	70	34	80	55	5,381	523	101	83	31	
Stokes	150	215.6	67.5	69	15	12	26	28	1,003	125	34	7	1	
Surry	595	104.3	47.0	332	115	38	67	43	2,714	320	146	30	6	
District Totals	1,537	126.7	43.0	871	217	94	225	130	10,044	1,051	291	148	44	
District 18														
Guilford	5,294	146.8	76.0	2,420	871	595	911	497	22,381	3,715	921	916	785	
District 19A														
Cabarrus	568	94.6	35.0	357	66	54	60	31	4,206	226	54	24	5	
Rowan	718	190.3	92.0	297	124	86	83	128	3,944	227	48	41	31	
District Totals	1,286	148.0	57.0	654	190	140	143	159	8,150	453	102	65	36	
District 19B														
Montgomery	471	162.8	85.0	210	63	39	100	59	2,014	229	37	15	1	
Randolph	368	41.5	21.0	310	37	7	7	7	3,772	398	65	29	2	
District Totals	839	109.6	41.0	520	100	46	107	66	5,786	627	102	44	3	
District 20														
Anson	153	55.7	21.0	134	12	2	1	4	1,428	126	21	23	6	
Moore	468	111.4	28.0	311	52	29	27	49	3,328	187	44	62	31	
Richmond	372	210.2	72.0	177	109	8	13	65	2,822	146	40	58	43	
Stanly	398	131.9	63.0	196	57	26	84	35	2,391	106	21	24	8	
Union	439	167.2	43.0	249	41	27	43	79	4,101	121	28	47	13	
District Totals	1,830	144.7	41.5	1,067	271	92	168	232	14,070	686	154	214	101	

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<i>District 21</i>																	
Forsyth	3,152	325.5	177.0	974	339	279	495	1,065	12,818	30.3	17.0	11,833	608	142	151	84	
<i>District 22</i>																	
Alexander	183	64.7	29.0	134	21	10	12	6	1,023	32.3	20.0	906	76	22	15	4	
Davidson	747	57.9	29.0	544	131	22	42	8	6,609	41.4	25.0	5,261	966	260	102	20	
Davie	114	205.9	132.0	38	17	6	38	15	834	42.7	27.0	661	114	40	17	2	
Iredell	888	71.3	27.0	624	114	50	69	31	5,302	35.7	22.0	4,528	524	139	95	16	
District Totals	1,932	73.4	29.0	1,340	283	88	161	60	13,768	38.6	23.0	11,356	1,680	461	229	42	
<i>District 23</i>																	
Alleghany	33	101.0	35.0	18	2	2	11	0	355	38.7	18.0	314	30	3	1	7	
Ashe	58	151.5	83.0	24	6	8	14	6	866	22.7	14.0	817	34	4	10	1	
Wilkes	1,072	180.8	123.0	268	212	205	222	165	2,775	24.8	14.0	2,557	178	16	12	12	
Yadkin	128	127.9	53.5	67	18	8	27	8	1,052	28.3	15.0	933	92	10	11	6	
District Totals	1,291	172.2	123.0	377	238	223	274	179	5,048	26.1	14.0	4,621	334	33	34	26	
<i>District 24</i>																	
Avery	265	186.6	145.0	60	42	61	76	26	440	39.6	22.0	357	62	13	6	2	
Madison	81	133.1	33.0	52	7	5	11	6	408	80.2	35.0	262	72	34	24	16	
Mitchell	100	222.2	194.0	17	16	16	34	17	355	39.6	27.0	307	21	13	14	0	
Watauga	232	161.3	79.5	109	19	30	46	28	1,107	38.7	21.0	952	96	19	30	10	
Yancey	90	108.6	67.5	42	17	12	17	2	681	38.8	20.0	606	37	8	13	17	
District Totals	768	168.8	123.0	280	101	124	184	79	2,991	44.6	23.0	2,484	288	87	87	45	
<i>District 25</i>																	
Burke	278	85.6	26.0	192	34	7	27	18	3,513	33.9	16.0	3,093	281	58	40	41	
Caldwell	563	99.7	28.0	347	71	27	74	44	3,814	36.5	23.0	3,292	341	90	77	14	
Catawba	620	63.8	22.0	448	57	18	90	7	6,560	33.4	18.0	5,674	539	150	181	16	
District Totals	1,461	81.8	26.0	987	162	52	191	69	13,887	34.4	19.0	12,059	1,161	298	298	71	
<i>District 26</i>																	
Mecklenburg	8,733	507.2	238.0	2,763	789	474	1,202	3,505	23,573	46.0	28.0	19,498	2,998	484	338	255	
<i>District 27A</i>																	
Gaston	1,601	71.5	29.0	1,133	256	67	104	41	12,301	42.0	25.0	10,118	1,504	314	271	94	
<i>District 27B</i>																	
Cleveland	460	65.1	33.0	37	43	11	40	9	4,567	36.8	23.0	3,807	570	112	61	17	
Lincoln	229	89.5	28.0	163	16	12	23	15	2,256	35.4	22.0	2,055	119	31	31	20	
District Totals	689	73.2	32.0	520	59	23	63	24	6,823	36.3	23.0	5,862	689	143	92	37	
<i>District 28</i>																	
Buncombe	1,077	63.0	25.0	758	121	87	100	11	11,463	34.7	18.0	10,281	563	190	350	79	

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<i>District 20</i>										
Henderson	497	78.5	35.0	320	76	57	51.8	27.0	3,136	511
McDowell	368	167.3	105.0	160	35	48	45.5	21.0	1,214	129
Polk	141	96.9	50.0	75	39	6	46.3	23.0	379	85
Rutherford	392	195.9	50.0	209	35	26	31.0	16.0	2,517	191
Transylvania	134	93.2	43.0	81	20	11	43.1	19.0	658	99
District Totals	1,532	132.8	48.0	845	205	148	43.7	21.0	7,904	1,015
										273
										233
										124
<i>District 30</i>										
Cherokee	114	83.9	46.0	63	23	16	60.0	34.0	457	105
Clay	3	89.7	15.0	2	0	0	36.2	16.0	186	5
Graham	77	157.9	76.0	35	12	3	33.2	25.0	287	21
Haywood	738	273.1	189.0	188	108	52	90.8	25.0	1,938	197
Jackson	213	145.0	96.0	84	31	31	34.3	13.0	836	84
Macon	359	494.7	333.0	80	51	7	34.4	18.0	590	64
Swain	80	127.3	106.5	28	27	10	43.0	25.5	307	39
District Totals	1,584	279.2	152.0	480	252	119	63.0	23.0	4,601	515
										188
										281
										223
State Totals	64,052	182.1	54.0	33,533	9,642	4,698	38.9	21.0	325,620	41,244
										10,899
										8,274
										2,860

**RANKINGS FOR THE 33 JUDICIAL DISTRICTS BASED UPON
PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED OF
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Judicial Division	Judicial District	Superior Court			Estates	Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal				Civil	Criminal Non-Motor Vehicle
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
I	1	22	17	13	27	19	15	4
	2	7	19	20	17	33	17	1
	3	11	2	2	10	5	31	11
	4	30	8	6	14	28	28	10
	5	13	11	8	25	11	4	16
	6	6	20	29	15	31	5	2
	7	10	14	7	12	29	21	21
	8	9	5	10	9	9	22	7
II	9	15	28	32	18	23	24	9
	10	6	30	19	29	24	20	26
	11	21	16	23	19	25	29	22
	12	17	26	12	4	4	23	15
	13	18	24	24	1	16	7	14
	14	12	23	31	22	3	18	27
	15A	26	13	16	6	12	1	8
	15B	8	10	17	30	21	33	17
	16	27	4	21	3	17	11	25
III	17	4	12	11	20	27	14	20
	18	33	18	4	21	6	10	28
	19A	24	21	25	16	8	19	23
	19B	20	33	27	5	7	2	19
	20	28	7	9	33	32	30	12
	21	5	6	18	11	1	8	29
	22	3	15	15	7	10	9	18
	23	19	29	33	8	14	6	30
IV	24	1	25	30	28	13	12	31
	25	23	31	22	26	15	25	6
	26	29	22	14	13	22	32	33
	27A	32	1	5	31	20	16	13
	27B	2	3	3	2	2	3	5
	28	14	9	1	23	18	13	3
	29	31	32	26	24	26	26	24
	30	25	27	30	32	30	27	32

**RANKINGS FOR THE 100 COUNTIES BASED UPON
PERCENT OF TOTAL CASELOAD DISPOSED OF
July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981**

		Superior Court				District Court		
District	County	Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
1	Camden	100	82	57	8	69	63	9
	Chowan	69	7	42	90	92	65	13
	Currituck	80	57	31	69	22	42	26
	Dare	58	68	83	100	74	50	62
	Gates	57	92	58	1	7	70	38
	Pasquotank	35	34	3	26	55	32	6
	Perquimans	89	47	61	82	30	11	50
2	Beaufort	11	51	26	54	98	62	12
	Hyde	88	50	91	6	66	16	3
	Martin	64	43	84	50	83	57	11
	Tyrrell	97	99	56	19	14	81	77
	Washington	5	21	16	59	45	7	2
3	Carteret	27	13	36	40	37	90	83
	Craven	26	20	1	53	25	77	40
	Pamlico	13	58	25	76	79	80	17
	Pitt	49	25	21	23	5	92	20
4	Duplin	96	11	32	55	100	97	49
	Jones	29	1	7	12	86	61	7
	Onslow	79	33	5	36	29	71	32
	Sampson	56	44	23	39	43	89	78
5	New Hanover	32	39	12	78	32	17	54
	Pender	76	4	65	38	49	23	65
6	Bertie	75	97	89	29	72	19	4
	Halifax	37	37	74	67	84	2	15
	Hertford	46	19	13	58	81	82	46
	Northampton	41	67	99	10	40	4	8
7	Edgecombe	30	16	2	21	63	75	37
	Nash	39	30	37	45	91	78	58
	Wilson	28	61	24	62	61	29	81
8	Greene	14	52	51	4	75	3	27
	Lenoir	12	41	35	5	44	20	31
	Wayne	52	15	29	66	18	85	34
9	Franklin	86	60	95	75	67	67	36
	Granville	34	79	81	11	9	13	16
	Person	48	38	92	80	90	72	66
	Vance	16	90	82	27	52	35	10
	Warren	23	95	34	71	89	99	96
10	Wake	22	81	52	84	60	49	74
11	Harnett	45	76	90	44	87	87	82
	Johnston	63	3	19	34	11	74	71
	Lee	77	73	75	86	93	91	28
12	Cumberland	53	74	28	18	12	66	53
	Hoke	54	56	63	57	38	21	24
13	Bladen	10	36	59	7	3	5	64
	Brunswick	85	86	50	2	16	51	51
	Columbus	44	66	69	46	95	30	35
14	Durham	38	64	87	63	15	46	79
15A	Alamance	71	35	85	24	35	9	39
15B	Chatham	9	71	27	68	77	44	22
	Orange	42	24	33	91	50	100	63
16	Robeson	67	23	77	9	42	40	61
	Scotland	90	32	17	51	71	25	76

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District	County	Superior Court				Special Proceedings	District Court	
		Civil	Criminal		Estates		Civil	Criminal
			Felonies	Misdemeanors				
17	Caswell	82	5	20	52	88	69	68
	Rockingham	21	40	55	32	85	26	41
	Stokes	33	9	46	42	34	45	60
	Surry	7	54	10	85	28	53	87
18	Guilford	94	46	11	56	24	36	89
19A	Cabarrus	73	55	71	49	36	59	52
	Rowan	68	59	67	47	23	37	75
19B	Montgomery	15	70	79	65	26	22	88
	Randolph	60	96	73	15	31	6	23
20	Anson	99	26	39	95	97	54	30
	Moore	72	80	45	83	27	58	56
	Richmond	81	6	22	92	99	98	47
	Stanly	83	42	54	98	73	48	69
	Union	50	12	8	70	64	86	33
21	Forsyth	17	27	48	35	1	31	91*
22	Alexander	24	2	6	28	41	68	73
	Davidson	19	22	47	30	51	24	34
	Davie	40	87	38	20	48	18	55
	Iredell	8	53	53	25	4	34	70
23	Alleghany	1	17	60	16	8	10	18
	Ashe	31	88	72	3	6	41	5
	Wilkes	62	93	100	48	78	28	98
	Yadkin	65	48	62	61	20	15	42
24	Avery	4	45	86	33	39	60	100
	Madison	2	75	70	81	47	83	80
	Mitchell	3	84	44	99	62	39	93
	Watauga	18	72	80	73	46	8	84
	Yancey	59	69	94	13	57	64	48
25	Burke	87	77	30	77	13	73	14
	Caldwell	55	65	40	72	76	76	59
	Catawba	61	83	78	74	54	56	21
26	Mecklenburg	74	63	41	41	58	96	97
27A	Gaston	84	14	15	88	56	43	45
27B	Cleveland	20	28	9	14	2	12	25
	Lincoln	6	8	18	17	19	27	29
28	Buncombe	43	31	4	64	53	38	19
29	Henderson	91	89	68	37	17	88	43
	McDowell	78	100	76	87	82	52	92
	Polk	36	29	88	60	10	84	95
	Rutherford	93	78	64	43	65	14	57
	Transylvania	47	98	93	94	94	93	67

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		Superior Court			District Court			
		Civil	Criminal		Estates	Special Proceedings	Civil	Criminal
District	County		Felonies	Misdemeanors				
30	Cherokee	25	85	14	96	33	33	72
	Clay	98	10	43	22	21	1	1
	Graham	92	18	97	31	70	47	90
	Haywood	66	91	66	79	80	55	94
	Jackson	95	62	96	93	59	94	86
	Macon	51	49	98	89	96	95	99
	Swain	70	94	49	97	68	79	85

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